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IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE

NSL minor premier Marconi showed the stuff that champions are made of last week, trouncing nearest rival Melbourne Croatia 4-0 here in Melbourne, after thrashing a hapless Blacktown City by the same score in a postponed game the previous Wednesday.

So as the NSL enters its final round of matches for 1989, Marconi coach Berti Mariani is almost the only one in the League who will be resting easy this week.

No fewer than six clubs are chasing the four remaining places in the top five, whilst at the other end of the League, four clubs are locked together with only goal difference separating them.

Of the top five hopefuls, Preston Makedonia would appear to have the hardest task, facing first St George midweek and then Marconi on Sunday, and both games away

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STATE LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

- BULLEEN 1 PINES 1
- 'GATE 2 FAWKNER 0
- FALCONS 4 SAINTS 0
- BOX HILL 0 JUVE 1
- GULLY 1 CAULFIELD 0
- M'BYRNONG 0 N'COTE 1
- R'WOOD 0 S'VALE 1
- CROYDON 4 T'TOWN 0

SYDNEY SCHEMOZZLE

I PROMISED myself that I definitely wasn't going to criticise the NSL administration any more, ever, but something has to be said about this absurd rush to get all the postponed games cleared up at all costs before Sunday.

When asked why the finals couldn't be put back a week, NSL manager Peter Russell is reported to have said it wasn't possible.

Why ever not?

What is so sacred about starting the finals on July 23?

You get the impression that the NSL management doesn't care about the players, the clubs or the long-suffering fans one jot. As far as it's concerned, a postponed game is just an irritation that has to be cleared up and never mind the consequences.

For instance, Adelaide City had to spend three days in Sydney last week, so that it could play a postponed game with Sydney Olympic on the Friday night, then play its scheduled game with APIA Leichhardt on Sunday.

This week it faces a mid-week game at the notorious Skinner Reserve against Melbourne JUST on Wednesday before fronting up to Blacktown City on Sunday.

Remember, we are talking about part-timers here.

And, of course, Adelaide City isn't the only club getting this treatment. The St George boys have had a similar experience recently.

NSL players must have understanding employers or must be on the dole.

The game between Olympic and Adelaide City lapsed into farce, and was rightly described in *The Australian* as a "schemozzle".

Midway through the first half, referee Dave Willcocks pulled a calf muscle and couldn't continue.

Senior linesman Kevin Tooke took charge, but because of a referee's meeting that night and the fact that no fourth official had been appointed, an appeal had to be made to the crowd for a referee.

Eventually a junior referee was found who agreed to officiate, but the game was held up for 12 minutes whilst Adelaide City officials debated the legality of the situation.

At half-time the comedy continued, as the players remained in their dressing rooms whilst a qualified referee was being rushed to the ground to run the line.

And whilst all this was happening, Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso, who just happens to be a member of the NSL executive was arguing vehemently with NSL manager Peter Russell and threatening to take his team off the ground and have the game called off.

Adelaide City was behind then and eventually lost the game 1-0, which probably blighted its final five chances as well.

The club will be protesting formally, but you can bet your sweet life no further action will be taken.

Then there was the matter, on the same night, of the Skinner Reserve game. Skinner Reserve was the home of VFA footy club Sunshine which folded earlier this season.

It has what are laughingly described as floodlights, really nothing more than training lights and since the footy oval is so big and th elights are mounted on the perimeter, Wednesday night's game was reduced to a farce.

This game, played between two clubs struggling to avoid relegation, probably decided the fate of one of them, yet spectators told me afterwards that they were struggling to recognise the players!

I'd love to know what Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic thinks about the set-up when he arrives there for the postponed game against JUST, coming on top of his experience in Sydney and the silly carry-on the week before when the JUST v Adelaide City game was called off it will probably make him feel like giving the game away for good.

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FLOODLIGHTS AN URGENT PRIORITY

The unavailability of Olympic Park for the past month, coupled with one of the wettest winters on record has served to show just how much Melbourne soccer depends on the Park.

After 13 years of the NSL, there isn't a club ground in this city with any lights to speak of.

Clubs spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on players, yet none of them has had the foresight to instal floodlights.

Middle Park, home of South Melbourne, is almost ideal in its capacity to cope with bad weather because it drains so well, yet it is used only once a fortnight.

If the club had had the foresight to install floodlighting a few years ago, it would have recouped the money four-fold by now, just ask Frank Arok, manager of Sydney's St George.

St George's lights are far fromideal, but I understand that the club charges $2000 hiring fee per game and clubs are only too happy to pay it.

Remember when we were told at the start of last season that NSL clubs had to provide 3000 seats, 1000 of them under cover?

Is this another teething problem, Sam?

For those who have missed the civilised amenities of Olympic Park, the good news is that it will be open for business again in time for the first of the finals on July 23 (let us hope fervently that two Melbourne clubs finish in the five).

Assistant Director John Anderson, who tells me he is rapidly becoming an expert on turf management, having travelled all over Australia (even to Hobart) viewing stadia, says that over 1500 square metres of turf has been laid by the contractors who caused the mess in the first place, at their expense.

Notwithstanding that, the whole top of the ground will be ripped off at the end of the year and re-laid on top of 12 inches of sand in an effort to lay the bogey once and for all.

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BIG-HEARTED Victorian soccer responded wholeheartedly to the VSF's Hillsborough Disaster Appeal, with clubs and individuals donating a total of over $4000. Well done the Vics!

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TIES FOR LUNCH The Offside Club's next function will be lunch on Friday, July 21, when it is hoped that the coaches of the preliminary final will be guests.

As the occasion will be marked by the presentation of the long-awaited club ties, this function is for members only.

But it is not too late to join!

Just ring Jodi on 429 6288 and she'll be only too pleased to put you in the picture.

Joining fee is $30, which covers the cost of the tie.

This function will be held at Haskins Restaurant (formerly the North Fitzroy Arms), situated on the corner of Reid and Rae Streets, Fitzroy, and there is ample parking.

The event kicks off at 12.15 sharp, don't make plans for the afternoon.

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ANOTHER RESHUFFLE PLANNED! Almost incredibly, another plan has been launched by some members of the State League Management committee to split the State League into two halves of 12 clubs each, and to reduce all the other Leagues' divisions to 12 clubs each as well.

I say incredibly, because it was this kind of planning that lead to the Nunawading protest meeting and the subsequent AGM uproar last year. Where are the Gang of Five now?

Just to refresh your memory, Mr Jack Reilly quit as chairman as a result of the row over the Planning Committee's recommendation to reduce the Leagues to 12 teams.

Have the Nunawading dissidents heard of the plan, I wonder, or do they care even?

I know that at least two members of the State League management committee are vehemently against reducing the Leagues in size and I wonder if Mr John van Hoboken will attend a protest meeting and make another fervent speech about the folly of shortening the season, as he did at the Nunawading meeting last year.

If there is to be an elite "Super State" League of 12 formed (by invitation only, by the way) plus another State League of 12, why the hell don't they scrap all the Leagues and start off afresh calling the VSF's best division the First Division and so on *down, like they do in the real soccer world.*

When I saw the names of the State League delegates present at the meeting that dreamed up this nonsensical farrago, I was staggered to think how easily some people can be won over.

Is this why the ex-Treasurer, Mr George Zafiropoulos was manouevered out of the way?

I think the State League Management committee and the Board would be better occupied and would be serving Victorian soccer better if they buckled down to solving the knotty problems of coping with promotion and relegation between two sections of the game playing in different seasons of the year.

The first half of that problem will be dropped in the VSF's lap this weekend, when it has one or maybe two ex-NSL clubs to find room for, without at the same time knowing which State League (if any) it is going to lose.

That's the $64,000 question, isn't it!

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

Appeal Fund

OVER $4000 has been raised by the VSF towards victims of the Hillsborough tragedy.

The Federation has asked Soccer Star to pass on its appreciation to the following people who made donations:

North Reservoir JSC	$50
Mr T. Melvey	$10
Mr S. Bialecki	$10
Mr H Mohamadi	$ 5
Mooroolbark Jnr. SC	$50
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Keon Park SC	$100
South Melbourne SC	$200
Werribee SC	$50
Springvale City SC	$150
Dandenong SC	$102
East Brunswick/Ivanhoe SC	$155
Mr A. Wallin	$100
Mr Danes	$50
Mr G. Moore	$10
Mr Constanzo	$10
Mr G. Zafiropolous	$50
Pascoe Vale SC	$50
Mr J. Fokianos	$10
Mr Kostsenas	$10
Mr Caupi	$5
Mr J. Stephenson	$20
Mr G. Crupp	$20
Mr F. Calfapetra	$10
Croydon City SC	$400
Mr W. Campbell	$5
Mr B. Garvey	$132
Northcote United SC	$50
AASRF (Vic.)	$25
Victorian Soccer Federation	$500
The Offside Club	$500
Mr H. Siwka	$50
Mr V. Cilauro	$50
Mr M. Weinstein	$50
Mr A. Roque	$10
Clayton North SC	$20
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Mr A. Kovac	$150
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RAY BACK IN TOWN

I WAS pleasantly surprised last week to hear from Ray Pocock, now back on the local scene after a three-year stint as Director of Coaching at Bundaberg, Queensland.

Ray is now the Western Suburbs coach and he was telling me that he was happy to have the mixture of experience (Andy Esposito, David Beattie and Lou Theodosopoulous) and young talent (Jimmy Hatzalikaros, Peter Kadlicek and Willie Kosteas) at his disposal when he took over three weeks ago.

Since then Suburbs have had a couple of good results and have pulled themselves into the pack at the bottom of Division One and Ray feels confident they can finish mid-table at season's end.

Young Willie Kosteas has particularly impressed Ray who was, of course, one of our top strikers himself.

He was also "the nutmeg king" when he played and he hasn't changed much because right away he was telling me that his first priority at Suburbs is to get the players to enjoy themselves. What a nice change.

He's carried on scoring at Doncaster and has had a few good results too.

Eddie Campbell's arrival should help immensely (I see Eddie even notched in his first game awya to Yarraville) and again a mid-table position looks possible.

If John can return to his Aylesbury United goal-scoring form of a few years ago, look out for Doncaster next year.

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I WAS chatting to Dennis Morovic and Eddie Kuzman after our game at St Albans last week (two scotch and cokes thanks) and they were singing the praises of Bogden Bonk.

I never expected to have a teammate called Bonk when I grew up in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, I'll tell you that.

Seriously though, Bogden is a tremendous player, either in midfield or up front, and Dennis and Eddie were amazed at his ability and desire to have the ball in any situation.

He dominated this game entirely and was very unlucky not to score a couple of times.

To be fair though, St Albans badly missed the services of Mick Colina, their captain, who was suspended due to an over-abundance of yellow cards.

I saw Mick in the dug-out however, cheering the Saints on.

That was quite a pair of winkle-pickers you had on Mick, I haven't seen anything like that since Chuck Berry's last farewell concert!

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MY fly on the wall of the Bulleen dressing rooms was very impressed with the way the Frankston Pines boys dress for their away games.

"Everybody turned up in a suit," he said breathlessly.

Tommy Mitchell, when pressed for a reason for all this satorial splendour, airily explained "it's the dress code, you know".

Does this mean that Pines is going up-market?

Significantly, Tommy wasn't wearing that famous tammy, but that was nothing to do with the dress code.

The weather forecast had mentioned a thunderstorm in the offing and with all those metal badges on the tammy, Tommy was scared he might become a lightning conductor.

The players were chipper before the game, as well they might be after the previous week's good win and the patter was hilarious.

Ian Stirton scored again, his third goal in two weeks and wants me to reassure all his many fans (including the Tribunal members), that he is indeed the same person as the "Joe" Stirton referred to in last week's report as scoring twice against Altona Gate.

And born-again full-back Billy Buchanan played well and is proud of the fact that although Pines made two substitutions, he wasn't one of them. Steve Kennan has settled in well, but how did he acquire the nickname "hungry"?

There was a good response to my quiz and the first correct entry pulled out of the editor's tammy was submitted by Daniel Docherty of Frankston.

His team, with club and year first capped, was: Farm (Blackpool '51) — Ure (Dundee '63), Holt (Hearts '63), Cox (Rangers '52), Aird (Burnley '54) — Moir (Bolton '50), Robb (Aberdeen '71), Carr (Coventry '70), Hay (Celtic '70) — Law (Huddersfield '59), Auld (Celtic '59).

Well done Daniel, ring *Soccer Star* to arrange to collect the ball.

Now it's the Sassenachs' turn. Name a team of England full internationals of four letters or leters or less, post 1946. Closing date is Monday, July 24. Incidentally, contributor Roy Hay, who wasn't eligible to go in the draw, not only submitted a post-1946 team, but a pre-1914 one also that is worth printing.

It was: Doig (Sunderland) — Gray (Hibs), Glen (Hibs), Kerr (Dumbarton), Auld (Third Lanark) — James Hay (Celtic), Fyfe (Third Lanark), Bell (Hearts), Reid (Airdrie) — Orr (Newcastle), Paul (Queens Park).

The James Hay of Celtic was Roy Hay's grandfather, incidentally.

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FINALLY, I bumped into big Peter Ollerton in Croydon last week.

Peter of course, has a 10-year ban from soccer, but I'm glad to report that far from being despondent, he's doing very nicely thank you and has just landed an excellent sales job with a Ferntre Gully firm.

Go get 'em Olly.

— Rob Nelson

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● Peter Ollerton

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Another old teammate of mine (albeit briefly) now coaching is Doncaster Rovers' John Davie, who started off the season at Ringwood City, scoring three goals there, before moving over a suburb or two.

● Ray Pocock

NELSON'S COLUMN

● Eddie Campbell

WADEY SAYS:

WELL, this weekend I saw what for me was the most frightening sight in soccer this season.

Marconi, the might of the NSL at the moment, tore apart at will Melbourne's best chance of a championship.

The Melbourne Croatia supporters were left stunned at the sheer professionalism, skill and grace of the red hot Sydneysiders.

Some were so upset that they couldn't watch for the full 90 minutes. The first half saw the home side continue in the same way that has kept them in No. 2 spot on the ladder for most of the season.

With fluent passing, and the aid of a strong wind, Croatia pushed forward searching for the opening goal.

Ivan Kelic and Francis Awaritefee were the main strikeforce, but their goal shots were well wide.

Kelic in particular, failed time and again to gain full control when good goal scoring opportunities opened up, which gave players such as Robert Wheatley and his fellow defenders time to shut out the danger.

Branko Milosovic, Alan Davidson and Josip Biskic were all guilty on several occasions of not shooting from a distance, instead opting to pass on the responsibility of scoring to others.

The Marconi defence, led admirably by Wheatley, and ably backed up by Jean Paul De Marigny and Bob Catlin, stood firm.

Their brilliance at times allowed Marconi to stay in the match.

Catlan was putting his big frame to good use, spreading himself at the feet on onrushing Melbourne forwards, while De Marigny seemed to have Awaritefee in his back pocket, only occasionally leaving his side to charge freely up the left touch line.

The Croatian storm passed within 15 minutes of the start, only occasionally reappearing without result.

By PAUL WADE

Marconi on the other hand, started tentatively as it had done the week before against Syndey Croatia.

But all the time I could sense that it was only a matter of time before players of the class of Zlatko Nastevski and Tommy McCulloch would step up a gear.

It seemed that they came in droves on the attack.

Ian Gray and McCulloch in midfield, De Marigny on the left, Matteo Colucci on the right and Wheatly through the middle.

The build up was sharp and accurate, but as with Melbourne, the final passing was lacking in quality.

The demolition job started in the first two minutes of the second half. Ian Gray did what Melbourne failed to do in the first 45 minutes.

He shot with his left foot from 25 yards.

The ball, aided by the wind, rocketed over the outstretched arm of Mate Grgic, to rattle the underside of the crossbar and bounce on the line and eventually into the net.

During the next ten or so minutes, Marconi looked more and more confident, with Wheatley continuing his first-half runs and disposal, and Ian Gray doing more of the hard work in the middle capped off with some beautiful through passes to the strikers.

Melbourne had no answers and could only assert token pressure on the Marconi goal.

Then came the change of gear, and Marconi struck at will with three goals in 12 minutes.

In the 75th minute the NSL's top goal scorer Nastevski did it again, with a tap in from four yards after a cutback from the byline from a very unselfish Ian Gray.

Two minutes later, and Vince Calagiuri was on hand to tap in a Grgic save, after Nastevski was denied from 12 yards.

Questions must be asked about the character of the Melbourne Croatia side. The fact that there was no resistance to such a hiding must be a worry to the players, coach and supporters alike, as we head towards the finals.

Paul Wade

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NSL DETAILS

Round Twenty Five Details

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 MARCONI 4 (Gray 48th, Nastevski 74th, Colagiuri 84th, de Jong 85th)
At Somers St. Sunday. Referee G. Power.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic - Davidson, Selemides, Cannell, Jurcic - Caleta, Milosevic, Biskic, Adzic - Kelic (Duzel 63rd), Awaritefe.
MARCONI: Catlin - Colucci (Katholos 65th), Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny - Gray, Gomez, McCulloch, Colagiuri (Lowe 80th) - Nastevski, de Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.

MELBOURNE JUST 1 (Palatsides 67th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC (Ironside 53rd)
At Schintler Reserve, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge.
MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic - Deankovic, Karic, Durakovic, Mitrovski - Murphy, Crino, Kalogeros, Becvinovski - Retre, Palatsides. Coach John Margarites.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling - Barrett, Haniotis, Hooker, Georgakis - Lee, Phillips, Ironside, Polak - Saad, Edwards. Coach Eddie Thomson.

HEIDELBERG 0 WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Morlando 64th)
At Olympic Village, Sunday. Referee D. Campbell.
HEIDELBERG: Olver - Kanesoulis (P. McDowall 83rd), G. McDowall, Scott, Russell - Stewart, Tredinnick, Campbell (Alagozides 55th), Gojevic - Stubbins, Stevenson. Coach Miron Bleiberg.
WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutsos - Skeen, Kotamanides, Vlietstra, Hollifield - Morlando, Stevanovski (Higgs 84th), Ingham, Crainie - Easthorpe, Brodnik (Calbanese 70th). Coach Doug Collins.

APIA LEICHHARDT 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Maxwell 23rd, Melta 64th)
At Lambert Park, Sunday. Referee J. McConnell. Cautions Webber, M. Brown, R. Brown (AP) Zabica, (AC).
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Webber, Radosalvjevic, M. Brown, Blagojevic - Pisano, Bundalo, Ellem, Ricoy - R. Brown, Hagan (Kosmina 69th). Coach Michael Urukalo.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, Villani (Dimoski) Maxwell, A. Vidmar. Coach Zoran Matic.

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Arambasic 6th, 65th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Micheil 18th, Postecoglou pen. 23rd)
At Marconi Stadium, Sunday. J. Reeves.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson - Bennett, Reynolds, Maier, G. Sterrey, Naumov (Ferguson 65th), Odzakov, Gibson - van Blerk, Arambasic, Batten (McKinna 70th). Coach Les Scheinflug.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou - Wright, Petersen, Micheil (Mori 76th) - Taliadoros, Trimboli, Tsolakis. Coach Brian Garvey.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Hunter, pen. 18th, Arnold 59th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Jolevski 45th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Referee G. Power.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic - Savor, Rozic, Hunter, Jennings - Clinch, Jones, Rezo, Foster - Arnold, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Petrov, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Tasevski, Zinni, Taseski, Markovac - Spink, Markovski. Coach Andon Doncevski.

DEFERRED GAMES

MELBOURNE JUST 2 (Crino, pen. 39th, Becvinovsky 57th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Marth 71st)
At Skinner Reserve, Sunshine. Wednesday. Referee D. Campbell. Caution Crino (MJ)
MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic - Deankovic, Karic, van Egmond, Durakovic - Kalogeros (Lazopoulos 74th), Becvinovski, Crino, Murphy - Palatsides, Retre. Coach John Margarites.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS - Keogh - Alevisos, Parton, Waddell, Ketsakides - McLaren (Morley 55th), Campelj (Carter 68th), Faulkner, Marth - Lewis, Latif. Coach John Gardiner.

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 MARCONI 4 (Nastevski 55th, 89th, Colagiuri 24th, de Jong 80th)
At Marconi Stadium, Wednesday. Postponed from June 4. Referee P. Spiers.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson - Batten, G. Sterrey, Reynolds, Naumov - Odzakov, Gibson, Maier, van Blerk - McKinna (Bennett 75th), Arambasic (Ferguson 70th). Coach Les Scheinflug.
MARCONI: Catlin - Colucci, Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny - Gray, Gomez, Katholos (Carter 80th), Colagiuri (Lowe 82nd) - De Jong, Nastevski. Coach Berti Mariani.

NSL LADDER

MARCONI	25	15	5	4	62	24	37
SYD. OLYMPIC	25	11	8	6	35	24	30
PREST. MAK	24	11	7	6	31	21	29
MELB. CROATIA	25	12	5	8	42	35	29
ST GEORGE	24	11	7	6	29	23	29
Syd. Croatia	25	10	8	7	24	21	28
Adelaide C	24	10	7	7	26	21	27
Sth. Melb	25	9	7	9	43	36	25
Wollongong C	25	8	6	11	21	28	22
APIA Leichhardt	25	7	8	10	26	34	22
Melb JUST	24	5	7	12	23	34	17
George Cross	25	7	5	13	22	37	17
Blacktown C	25	4	9	12	25	48	17
Heidelb. Un	25	7	3	15	20	43	17

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Melb. Croatia 20 Clayton 0

Melbourne Just 1 Malvern City 1

Caulfield City 0 Clifton Hill 4

Altona Gate 2 South Melbourne 2

LADDER

GEORGE CROSS	17	15	0	68	19	32	
ALTONA GATE	19	12	3	4	55	25	27
PRESTON	18	11	1	6	62	27	23
STH MELB	17	9	3	5	64	27	21
H'BERG UTD	17	9	2	6	34	39	20
MELB. CROATIA	16	9	1	6	50	31	19
CLIFTON H	18	7	3	8	27	48	17
MELB JUST	17	4	4	9	27	32	12
C'FIELD CITY	19	5	2	12	31	55	12
MALVERN C	19	3	3	13	29	79	9
CLAYTON	19	1	2	16	19	94	4

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Lamond 39th) HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Kanesoulis 37th, Gojevic 55th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, Wednesday, postponed from June 4. Referee D. Monteverde.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic - Savor, Hunter Rozic, Jennings - Clinch, Foster, Seal (Milicevic 75th), Lamond - Arnold, Slater (Zelic 65th). Coach Vedran Rozic.
HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver - Kanesoulis, G. McDowall, Russell, Scott (P. McDowall 72nd) - Stewart, Gojevic, Campbell, Stubbins - Goutzioulis, (Tredinnick 80th) Stevenson. Coach Miron Bleiberg.

ST GEORGE 1 (Bingley 28th) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Bundalo 17th)
At St George Stadium, Wednesday. Postponed from June 4. Referee J. Fearn. Caution Pezzano (A), O'Shea (St.G).
ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski - O'Shea, Molflitt (Adiosk 64th), Pottier, Ilic (Harper 82nd) - Krslovic, Bingley. Coach Frank Arok.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Webber, Brown, Radosavljevic, Cosentino - Mason (O'Connor HT), Bundalo, Ellem, Ricoy - Kosmina, Franze. Coach Michael Urukalo.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Lee 22nd) ADELAIDE CITY 0
At St George Stadium, Friday, postponed from June 11. Referee D. Willcocks (inj. Tooke 35th). Cautions Saad, Hooker (SO), Shillabeer, Mullen (AC).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Phillips, Polak, Edwards, Ironside - Lee, Saad. Coach Eddie Thomson.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, Villani, Vidmar - Maxwell, Mullen. Coach Zoran Matic.

GOALSCORERS

20. Nastevski (Marc)3p)
13. de Jong (Marc)
11. Kelic (MC)
10. Adzic (MCr, 3p)
Ollerenshaw (St.G, 4p)
Trimboli (South)
9. Awaritefe (MCr)
8. Arambasic (Bl)
Bingley (St.G)
Gray (Marc)
Lewis (SX)
Postecoglou (South 7p)
Spink (PM)
7. Brown, R (Ap, 1p)
Ironside (SO)
Lowe (Marc)
Markovski (PM, 2p)
6. Colagiuri (Marc)
Latif (GX)
Lee (SO)
Maxwell (AC)
Melta (AC, 3p)
Saad (SO)
Taliadoros (South)
5. Arnold (SCr)
Easthorpe (Woll)
Hagan (Ap)
Kosmina (Ap)
Mullen (AC)
Stubbins (Heid)
4. Brodnik (Woll)
Crino (MJ, 1p)
Gibson (Bl)
Lamond (SCr)
McCulloch (Mar)
Mori (South)
Palatsides (MJ)
Retre (MJ)
Smith (PM)
Tasios (South)
3. Caleta (MCr)
Diaoski (MC)
Hunter (SC, 1p)
McKinna (Ap)
Milosevic (MC)
Ricoy (Ap)
Seal (SCr)
Slater (SC)
Soper (SO)
Stevenson (Heid)
Tsolakis (South)
Van Blerk (Bl)
Vidmar (AC)
Villani (AC)
Zinni (PM)
2. Biskic (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Deankovic (MJ)
Gomez (Marc)
Hasler (SX)
Ilic (St.G)
Jones (SC)
Koczka (St.G)
Krslovic (St.G)
McGarry (SO)
Markovac (PM)
Michell (SM)
Morlando (Woll)
Morley (SX)
Murray (Ap)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Polak (SO)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater (S.Cr)
Sterrey, G (Bl)
Talajic (MJ)
Tasevski (PM)
van Blerk (Bl)
Wright (SM)
1. Barrett (SO)
Becvinovski (MJ)
Bennett (SO)
Bernal (SO)
Bundalo (AP)
Calderan (Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Davidson (MCr)
Denyer (Bl)
Ellem (Ap)
Faulkner (SX)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Foster (SC)
Gojevic (Heid)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Ingham (SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Jolevski (PM)
Kanesoulis (Heid)
Kotamanides (Woll)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Marth (SX)
McLaren (SX)
Moffitt (St.)
Murphy (MJ)
Naumov (Bl)
Odzakov (Bl)
Opasinis (MC)
Petersen (SM)
Petkovic (Ap)
Phillips (Ap, 1p)
Ratcliffe (St.G)
Raynes (Heid)
Reynolds (Bl)
Roodhouse (PM)
Savor (SC)
Selemides (MCr)
Stewart (Heid)
Tapai (MJ)
Theodosopoulos (M)
Tredinnick (Heid)
Vial (AC)
Wade (SM)

NSL REPORTS

ADCITY GETS A CHANCE AT FINALS

Adelaide City has a 10 per cent chance of reaching the semi-finals after a 2-0 win over Apia Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● AURELIO VIDMAR

"It doesn't depend on us but on the results of other teams, which is why we're only a 10 per cent chance," Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic said.

"If results fall our way we could replace Preston in the top five if they slip up."

Led by captain-keeper Tony Pezzano playing his 200th NSL game, Apia started bravely with midfielder Alex Bundalo testing Adelaide keeper Robert Zabica with successive drives.

But the defence was caught flat-footed in the 23rd minute when Aurelio Vidmar left four players floundering and passed to his brother Tony. Tony's cross from the left was smartly headed past Pezzano by the running Steve Maxwell.

Apia continued to attack with Kevin Hagan and Tony Pisano getting within shooting range but Zabaco easily handled their shots.

Classy midfielder Charlie Villani injured his knee minutes before half time and was replaced by Milan Dimoski, who put new life into the visiting attack.

"Apia made the mistake of trying to attack, which left gaps for us to exploit on quick breakaways," Matic said.

In the 64th minute, Dimoski switched to the right and fed the ball to Maxwell whose touch-on was hammered into the net by Sergio Melta.

Apia substitute John Kosmina missed a chance when he hesitated in front of goal while, at the other end Dimoski cleverly beat the defence but his infield pass was wasted.

"I think we were the better team in the first half but that's been our luck all year," Apia coach Michael Urukalo, said.

"Adelaide City deserves to be in the semi-finals and it will create havoc amongst the others if they make it."

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Marconi 'the champ'

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● BOB CATLIN

MELBOURNE Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic described Marconi as "true champions" after his team lost 4-0 in the top-of-the-table clash at the Croatian Sports Centre.

But Marconi coach Berti Mariani conceded that his team had been under pressure in the first half and that only goalkeeper Bob Catlin had prevented Croatia from scoring.

A strong wind made the match lopsided in both halves.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Croatia wasted its chances while Marconi made the most of the opportunities it created after the interval.

Marconi struck quickly with the aid of the wind when Gray drove in a long-range shot off the cross-bar in the 48th minute.

Croatia should have

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Bergers take a dive to Wolves

HEIDELBERG'S chances of survival in the League took a nose dive when the side suffered a 1-0 defeat to Wollongong at the Olympic Village on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● RAY VLIETSTRA

The loss sent Heidelberg back to last and the club is going to find it hard to gain any points from its away trip to the in-form Sydney Olympic in the last round this week.

To have any chance of survival, Heidelberg needs to win against Olympic as it has the added disadvantage of a massive negative goal difference (-23) which is worse than the two other sides immediately above it, Sunshine George Cross and Melbourne JUST.

Wollongong scored the winning goal in the 60th minute from a curling corner taken by Rade Stevanovski.

The ball was stopped on the goal line by a Heidelberg defender but Jock Morlando swooped to tap it home at the far post.

Wollongong should have added to the score within a minute when Danny Crainie broke clear on a pass from Pat Brodnik. Crainie's shot came off Jeff Olver's hands and then smacked against the post, but was finally cleared.

Heidelberg, who had a 2-1 away win against Sydney Croatia midweek, failed to get into any sort of rhythm and had not created a clear-cut scoring chance before it conceded the goal.

Panic set in once it fell behind and most of its forward moves were hurried as the players tried to salvage something from the amtch.

Heidelberg created an excellent chance in the 65th minute when Phil Stubbins controlled a cross from Ake Alagiolidis and cut the ball back from the by-line. It fell invitingly at the far post for Stuart Stevenson, but the striker swung wildly and hit his shot wide.

Wollongong keeper George Bouhoutsos dealt comfortably with long-range shots from Alagiolidis and Stubbins.

The keeper's best saves came in injury time when he blocked two successive shots from Heidelberg in a goal mouth scramble.

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JUST STRUGGLES FOR A DRAW

WORLD Cup referee Chris Bambridge was felled by a stone when Melbourne JUST staged a dramatic 1-1 draw with high-flying Sydney Olympic in a torrid clash at Schintler Reserve.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JOE PALATSIDES

The incident happened after Olympic defender George Haniotis brought down JUST striker Joe Palatsides as he was racing clear down the right and Bambridge halted play to book the Olympic player.

Bambridge was hit on the head by the stone, thrown by a spectator, but was able to continue after receiving treatment.

Olympic, fighting for a place on the top three on the ladder, had looked the better team in the first half despite playing into the gusting wind.

The team maintained its first-half form by breaking through for a 1-0 lead eight

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Draw gives Demons hope

A GUTSY performance by Blacktown City gave the side a fighting chance of avoiding relegation with a battling 2-2 draw against South Melbourne at the Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ZLATKO ARAMBASIC

The side is now one of four teams locked together on 17 points as the nail-biting struggle reaches it conclusion this weekend when the axe falls on two of them.

South Melbourne bounced back from a Zlatko Arambasic sixth-minute goal following good work on the left by striker Dave Batten and equalised in the 18th minute with a 20m drive from Harry Michiel.

The equaliser was against the run of play as, seconds earlier, Blacktown should have increased its lead but Bobby Naumov saw his snap shot touched onto the posts by keeper Bruce McLaren.

Within five minutes, South Melbourne hit the front with a penalty and, again, there was an element of luck surrounding the free award by referee Jim Reeves.

Striker Paul Trimboli was just inside the box but Zarko Odzakov's tackle as Trimboli turned and fell was enough to win him the spot kick.

Angie Postecoglou made no mistake and South went in at the break holding a 2-1 lead.

Blacktown came out fighting in the second half and it took a good save by McLaren from Batten in the 49th minute to keep it at bay.

Perhaps the turning point came seven minutes later. Kim Taliadoris played an intelligent ball through to Trimboli which forced keeper Watson to bring him down and give away another penalty.

But this time Watson saved Postecoglou's casual effort and the Demons' spirits were suddenly lifted sky high.

They began to throw men forward in a last-ditch effort to save the match and were rewarded with an equaliser in the 75th minute. Odzakov found some freedom on the left, weaved his way past two challengers inside the area and drove the ball past McLaren for Arambasic to apply the finishing touch.

Blacktown continued to press forward looking for a winner but South Melbourne held out until the final whistle.

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St George slays Cross

ST George scored four second-half goals on Sunday to send visiting team Sunshine George Cross deeper into danger at the St George Stadium.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● CRAIG MOFFITT

Saints, against a collapsed, spiritless Sunshine George Cross, easily won the match.

The first half ended scoreless following a session of most uninspired soccer from both teams but nine minutes after the break, Saints opened the scoring when all of its three strikers combined well to set up the goal. Tony Krslovic and Matthew Bingley worked the ball nicely on the left to set up fellow striker Scott Ollerenshaw to side-foot the ball into the net from only three metres out.

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● TOP LEFT: "Shall we dance," Tony Curulli seems to be saying to Pines' Ally Dick.

● TOP RIGHT: Bergers' Phil Stubbins soars to head over Randall Easthorpe.

FRANKSTON PINES 1989

● Back row (left to right): Joe Sweeney (coach), Ian Stirton, Geoff Giffard, Peter Lipscombe, Keith Waterman, Billy Buchanan, Dave Ferris, Ian Weir.

● Front row: Craig Pace, Steve Keenan, Ally Dick, Craig Miller, Graham Watson, Jimmy Ross.

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DIVISION ONE MORNING
Footscray U 2 Aust Ath 0 (2-0)
Highp. 3 Fibremakers U 1 (0-0)
Middle P 1 Northc. U 0 (0-0)
Montrose 0 ANZ Bank 1 (1-3)

HIGHPOINT	10	8	0	2	28	5	16
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	10	7	1	2	25	10	15
ALTONA ILTHDEN	9	6	1	2	15	7	13
ANZ BANK	10	5	2	3	9	11	12
AUSTN AIRLINES	10	4	1	5	18	20	9
FIBREMAKERS UTD	9	4	1	4	14	18	9
MONTROSE	9	3	0	6	14	15	6
APOLLO UNITED	8	3	0	5	23	25	6
NORTHCOTE UTD	10	2	0	8	15	31	4
MIDDLE PARK	9	1	2	6	9	27	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	10	5	3	0	25	8	13
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	10	6	3	1	26	14	15
ANZ BANK	10	4	5	1	22	13	13
AUSTN AIRLINES	10	3	5	2	22	14	11
MONTROSE	9	4	3	2	20	13	11
APOLLO UNITED	8	3	2	3	16	15	8
MIDDLE PARK	9	3	1	5	16	20	7
NORTHCOTE UTD	10	2	3	5	11	25	7
ALTONA ILTHDEN	9	1	3	5	11	29	5
FIBREMAKERS UTD	9	0	2	7	7	29	2

DIVISION ONE AFTERNOON
Coom. Spld. 2 Flamingo 0 (0-0)
Hamp P/U 0 Thomast. U 1 (0-0)
Rowv. Us 1 Melb. Rum 4 (1-3)
S'vale E 1 Windsor 2 (1-3)
Youth Us 1 Glenr D/U 6 (2-5)

WINDSOR	10	8	0	2	27	10	16
COOMOORA SPIDERS	10	7	1	2	31	9	15
HAMPTON PARK UTD	10	7	1	2	27	14	15
THOMASTOWN UTD	10	5	2	3	27	23	12
GLENROY DOXA UTD	10	5	2	3	23	22	12
MELB RUMANIA	9	5	0	4	22	19	10
FLAMINGO	10	4	4	5	16	21	8
YOUTH UNITED	9	1	2	6	12	37	4
ROWVILLE UNITED	9	1	1	7	19	29	3
S'VALE EAGLES	9	1	1	7	13	39	3

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	9	7	1	1	22	10	15
FLAMINGO	9	5	2	2	24	14	12
MELB RUMANIA	9	6	0	3	26	20	12
GLENROY DOXA UTD	9	5	1	3	17	11	11
HAMPTON PARK UTD	10	5	0	5	23	16	10
S'VALE EAGLES	9	4	2	3	22	19	10
COOMOORA SPIDERS	10	3	1	6	23	28	7
ROWVILLE UNITED	9	3	0	6	21	22	6
THOMASTOWN UTD	8	2	0	6	11	36	4
YOUTH UNITED	8	1	1	6	19	32	3

DIVISION TWO MIXED
Mel.Pumas 3 Nth X/S.H 3 (4-0)
Middle E 4 Laros U 0 (3-1)
SB Spurs P Oakl C P (2-3)
Swinb. 3 Harambee B (4-1)
Totten 3 Cret. Ath 0 (0-0)

TOTTENHAM	8	8	0	0	46	6	16
CRETAN ATHLETIC	10	8	0	2	36	16	16
HARAMBEE	8	7	0	1	48	20	14
MIDDLE EAST	9	5	0	4	23	19	10
SWINBURNE	10	4	0	6	24	33	8
OAKLEIGH CITY	8	3	1	4	20	19	7
S.B. SPURS	9	2	2	5	18	38	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	9	2	1	6	19	32	5
MELBOURNE PUMAS	8	1	2	5	12	30	4
LAROS UNITED	9	1	0	8	13	41	2

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	8	7	1	0	31	5	15
CRETAN ATHLETIC	9	7	1	1	23	8	15
OAKLEIGH CITY	8	6	0	2	29	17	12
SWINBURNE	10	5	1	4	26	26	11
HARAMBEE	8	4	2	2	13	16	10
MELBOURNE PUMAS	8	3	1	4	16	13	7
MIDDLE EAST	9	3	1	5	19	21	7
LAROS UNITED	9	3	1	5	21	24	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	9	1	1	7	10	34	3
S.B. SPURS	10	0	1	9	14	38	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON
Nth. Timor. 2 Berw.U 6 (3-2)
Oak.C/B 0 Nth D/Sp 3 (1-3)
KBRO B/D 1 Ff'tne Fl 3 (0-0)
Dandenong U P Elw. Us P (0-0)
CSUV 2 Boys. ATA 5 (1-1)

FL'TON FLORIDIA	10	9	0	1	38	8	18
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	10	7	3	0	41	16	17
NTH DNG SPARROWS	10	6	2	2	33	16	14
BERWICK UNITED	10	5	1	4	23	15	11
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	10	5	1	4	15	17	11
NTHN TIMORESE	9	5	0	4	25	25	10
ELWOOD UNITED	9	4	1	4	19	18	9
DANDENONG UNITED	9	2	0	7	14	38	
C.S.U.V.	10	1	0	9	11	37	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	9	0	0	9	9	37	0

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	9	9	0	0	94	11	18
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	8	8	0	0	51	6	16
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	10	6	2	2	28	21	14
BERWICK UNITED	9	4	3	2	25	17	11
NTHN TIMORESE	9	5	0	4	20	31	10
OAK. CITY BAYS	9	3	2	5	23	37	6
DANDENONG UNITED	10	2	2	6	18	42	6

Tottenham answers challenge

TOTTENHAM took a giant stride towards tying up the Division 2M championship when it shrugged off its nearest challenger, Cretan Athletic, with a resounding 3-0 win.

Hero for Tottenham was again John Smoljko. Not content with knocking in six goals against Laminex in the previous week's Cup round, Smoljko kept his shooting boots on and, with a devastating hat trick, put paid to what was probably Cretan's last chance of cementing championship honors.

The match was never a push-over for Tottenham, which was made to fight every inch of the way. In fact, it was not until the 75th minute that the deadlock was broken. In an inspired 10-minute burst, Smoljko rammed in goals at the 75th, 80th and 84th minutes, to put the issue beyond doubt.

Although Cretan Athletic remains level on points with Tottenham, the latter's two games in hand should represent at least a three-point safety buffer.

Meanwhile, Fourth Division rankings were thrown into disarray by the withdrawal of Ford Falcons from the competition. Under the League's rules, all prior results — including goals for and against — are cancelled. The Falcons withdrawal provided a major blow to Sunshine Macedonia, a blow which was made all the more serious when the former front-runners were destroyed 5-0 away to Eltham & Diamond Valley. The win lifted the Valley to the top of the ladder, a point clear of Epping Thistle, which had the bye.

Sunshine United crept a little closer to the Top Four with a valuable 1-0 win over Salesian Old Boys, a feat matched by Alexander the Great, which made the long trip south and out-lasted Dingley United in a 4-3 thriller.

Division One Afternoon continues to provide the most even competition of them all.

In Sunday's round, fourth-placed Thomastown United picked up a valuable away point when it held Hampton Park United to a scoreless draw — a result which maintained Thomastown's fourth placing, but helped dump Hampton Park from first to third.

Windsor went back to top billing when it struggled to a difficult 2-1 victory away to Springvale Eagles, while Coomoora Spiders moved into second spot on goal difference despite being held to a 2-all draw by seventh-placed Flamingo.

The Spiders went to the half-time break leading 2-0 through the efforts of Debaize, who scored at the 15th and 35th minutes, and goalkeeper Jean Durand, who flung himself metres to pull off a miraculous save of a 21st minute Bassy spot kick.

After the break, Flamingo came into its own with Dantas opening the scoring at the 46th minute, and Diolle making it 2-2 19 minutes later. The remaining 25 minutes were full of action, but produced no further score.

This was a match of a very high standard, which kept the 500-plus gallery at a fever-pitch of excitement throughout.

In other matches in this division, Glenroy Doxa and Melbourne Rumania kept their fading championship hopes alive with very sound wins, the Rumanians accounting for Rowville United 4-1, while Glenroy Doxa did a 6-1 demolition job on Youth United.

Melbourne Rumania took to the Carrum United pitch (lent for the day as the Rowville ground was still highly suspect) and soon hit top pace. Ioan Jurcut got the ball rolling for the Rumanians at the 13th minute when he outwitted three defenders to ram the ball wide of the keeper.

In a game played at break-neck pace with the attack switching from end to end, honours remained even until the 41st minute when Doran Dodencu put the visitors 2-0 up.

Faced by two full-backs and a goalkeeper all bearing down on him at a rate of knots, Dodencu kept his cool and lobbed in one of the cheekiest goals you would see in a month of Sundays.

The 0-2 half-time scoreline was probably unfair to Rowville, which had fought strenuously but without luck through the entire period, and had in addition been denied what seemed an absolutely clear-cut penalty.

Resuming after the break, both teams continued to press for a win but it was Melbourne Rumania which had the advantage when a Ionut Georgescu 25-metre overhead kick rocketed miraculously into the far top corner of the net, leaving the Rowville

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NTH DNG SPARROWS	10	2	1	7	18	46	5
C.S.U.V.	10	1	2	7	14	34	4
FL'TON FLORIDIA	10	2	0	8	11	47	4

DIVISION THREE EAST
Dallas U 1 Garden City 0
Kew Deaf 1 Laminex 2
Prest. Tramw 1 Bowater 2

DALLAS UNITED	10	9	0	1	38	12	18
LAMINEX	10	5	4	1	47	19	14
TAXATION UNITED	9	4	3	2	28	19	11
BOWATER	9	4	2	3	22	18	10
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	9	3	3	3	30	29	9
KEELEY KINGS	9	4	1	4	24	23	9
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	10	4	1	5	22	28	9
GARDEN CITY	10	2	4	4	18	25	8
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	8	2	1	5	19	36	5
KEW DEAF	10	0	1	9	19	54	1

DIVISION THREE WEST
Ardeer 3 Keller OB 2
Nippondenso 1 K/Park N 0
St Albans Dyn. 2 Alt.N 0
Sunbury 1 Alt.N/T 2

ST ALBANS DYNAMO	10	7	3	0	37	9	17
ALT NTH TARRIEN	9	7	1	1	21	5	15
ARDEER	10	6	3	1	23	12	15
KEILOR OLD BOYS	9	4	2	3	21	20	10
ST ALB WANDERERS	8	4	0	4	21	13	8
ALTONA HEIGHTS	10	3	1	6	14	22	7
WHITTLESEA	9	3	1	5	18	26	7
K PARK HEIGHTS	10	2	2	6	13	20	6
SUNBURY	9	1	3	5	8	18	5
NIPPONDENSO	10	2	0	8	16	45	4

DIVISION FOUR
Dingley Us 3 Alex the G 4
Eltham/D.Valley 5 Sen.M'don 0
End. Us P Embassy T P
Bye * Epping Thistle *
Soosk. Us 1 Sales OB 0

ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	10	6	2	2	31	12	14
EPPING THISTLE	9	6	1	2	35	15	13
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	8	6	0	2	24	11	12
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	8	6	0	2	24	13	12
ALEX THE GREAT	9	5	1	3	21	19	11
SUNSHINE UNITED	9	5	1	3	27	24	11
SALESIAN O.B.	10	3	1	6	17	31	7
DINGLEY UNITED	10	2	1	7	16	41	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	8	0	0	8	12	33	0

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Round Nineteen Details

BULLEEN 1 (O'Keefe 15th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Stirton 80th)
At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee Z. Mnch. Cautions Ferris, Keenan, Ross (FP).
BULLEEN: Riccioletti - Trgrlic, Krajacic, Curulli, Marsan - Ruccia, Angele, Avian, Manou - O'Keefe, Lujic. Coach Tony Vrzina.
FRANKSTON PINES: Waterman - Ferris (Gillard 76th), Weir, Lipscombe, Buchanan - Watson, Keenan, Ross (Pace 87th), Miller - Dick, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Watson (FP) 3, Manou (B) 2, Krajacic (B) 1.

ALTONA GATE 2 (Todorovski 70th, 82nd) FAWKNER 0
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee R. Simonis. Sent off O'Dell, Raynes (F). Caution Gagic (A).
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Micevski, Gagic, Markovski, Momirovski - Nikovski, Kebakovski (Aslimovski 60th), Tortevski, Ilioski (Byrne 75th) - McMullen, Todorovski. Coach Bill Murray.
FAWKNER: Barba - Tubic, Schipano, Ferla, Cosentino - Falcone, Ferrer, O'Dell, Marchett - Raynes, Campbell. Coach John Colangeli.
Ansett best player award: Tortevski (A) 3, Todorovski (A) 2, Schipano (F) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Bingham, Nelson, Basara, o.g.) ST ALBANS 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Walsh, Bruns, Bingham, Doyle - Cassar, O'Donnell, Byrne, Nelson - McBride, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl (inj. Murkic 75th) - Babic (Jurcic 66th), Bozic, Colina, Simovic - Kupresak, Kuzman, Gagula, Eres - Morovic, Pondeljak. Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Bingham (M) 3, Byrne (M) 2, McBride (M) 1.

BOX HILL 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Lane 52nd)
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Davies, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelos - McLeod, Hanley (Egan 74th), McArthur, Alexander - McAleer, Kennedy (McPhee 83rd). Coach John Brown.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Belic, Palleschi - Herd, Lane, Della Rocca, Minichiello - Giaccherini, Glockner (McGrellis 70th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Herd (J) 3, Minichiello (J) 2, Belic (3) 1.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Daley 35th) CAULFIELD CITY 0
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee T. Sorensen.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Farquharson, McMillan, Pender, Hogben - Smart, Wilson, McLelland - Metaxas (Grimaud 65th), Daley, Harrison (Elsey 80th). Coach Willie Vassallo.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koletsos - Bitsonis, Dimovski, Fattore, Kountouris (Abraam 70th) - Theoharous, Deligiannis, Aretis, Drakeford - Zemunik, Pappas (Sokoluk 80th). Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Sant (G) 3, McMillan (G) 2, Smart (G) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Burgess).
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Coach. N. Zachariades.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Fleming, Pichner (Romanovski 83rd) - Stefanovic, Nelson, Belegrinos, Blicharz (Przbyla 75th) Bonk, Acevski. Coach Lesjik Djielkowski.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Palmaricciotti, Kouremenos (Bekiaris HT), Harris, N. Constantinou - Ramos, Burgess, Woodall, Gymnopoulos - Cocker, J. Constantinou (Tsangas 75th). Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: Burgess (N) 3, D'Antonio (M) 2, Gymnopoulos (N) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Webster 66th)
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Haupt, Nolan, Cumming (Walker 80th), Groenewald - Verniers, Muir, Maguire, Corvan - Thomson, Prinsen (de Ridder 65th). Coach Hans Petersen.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Kral, Bryden, Bissinger, Livingstone - Findlay, Adams (Byrne 10th), Fouma, Keenan (Mitsou 80th) - Armstrong. Webster. Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Corvan (R) 3, Bryden (S) 2, Haupt (R) 1.

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STATE LEAGUE LADDER

CROYDON C	18	11	5	2	29	6	27
JUVENTUS	18	11	5	2	32	13	27
MORWELL F	19	10	6	3	33	13	26
ST ALBANS	19	9	6	4	23	15	24
Altona Gate	19	9	5	5	34	21	23
Caulf. C	19	8	5	6	28	25	21
Northc C	17	8	4	5	23	17	20
Green Gully	18	8	3	7	25	20	19
Thomastown	19	5	8	6	18	24	18
Bulleen	18	6	5	7	17	21	17
Frankston P	19	5	5	9	20	30	15
Fawkner	18	5	4	9	12	24	14
Springv City	19	3	7	9	13	19	13
Ringw City	19	3	7	9	13	33	13
Box Hill	18	3	6	9	14	24	12
Maribyrnong	19	2	3	14	10	39	7

RESERVES RESULTS

Green Gully 3 Caulfield City 4
Morwell Falcons 1 St Albans 0
Box Hill 0 Brunswick Juventus 3
Maribyrnong 3 Northcote City 3
Ringwood City 0 Springvale City 0
Altona Gate 1 Fawkner 0
Croydon City 0 Thomastown 2

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	19	13	3	3	41	23	29
Juventus	17	11	5	1	44	16	27
Green Gully	17	10	3	4	46	24	23
St Albans	19	10	3	6	34	19	23
Caulf. City	18	10	3	5	34	28	23
Morwell F	19	8	3	8	30	32	19
Thomastown	17	7	3	7	19	23	17
Bulleen	16	5	5	6	17	18	15
Ringwood City	17	5	5	7	24	31	15
Northcote C	14	6	2	6	28	32	14
Frankston P	17	7	0	10	26	36	14
Fawkner	17	5	3	9	21	26	13
Box Hill	17	4	5	8	22	36	13
Croydon City	17	3	5	9	21	32	11
Maribyrnong	18	2	6	10	20	32	10
Springv. City	17	3	4	10	13	30	10

CROYDON CITY 4 (Humble 70th, 75th, 85th, Runje 60th) THOMASTOWN 0
At Town Park, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
CROYDON CITY: Nobile - Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse - Brimmer, van Egmond, Brown, Runje - Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - Mihailidis, Hennessy, Higgins, De Propertis - Ragusa (Carfora 65th), Di Martino, Athersych, Cristaldo - Sinclair, Griffin. Coach Frank McAleer.
Ansett best player award: Van Egmond (C) 3, Langsbury (C) 2, G. Runje (C) 1.

Leading goalscorers

13. Pappas (Caul)
12. Humble (Croy)
McMullen (Alt)
10. Morovic (St.A)
8. Egan (Juve)
Basara (MF)
7. Carfora (Thom)
Woodall (North)
6. Wright (MF)
5. Bonk (Mar,Jp)
Dick (FP)
Gagula (St.A)
Georgevski (Alt)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Metaxas (GG)
Scott (Croy)
Stirton (FP)
4. Daley (GG)
Eres (St.A)
Glockner (Juve)
Harrison (GG)
Herd Juve)
McBride (MF)
Tortevski (Alt)
van Egmond (Croy)
Watson (FP)
3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Cocker (North)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emanuele (Fawk)
Hanna (Fawk)
Harris (North)
Keenan (S'vale)
Lane (Juve)
McAleer (BH)
McIntosh (Croy)
Nelson (Mar)
Raynes (Fawk)
Sokoluk(MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tsangas (North)
Warszawski (MF)
2. Aretis (Caul)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Brimmer (Croy)
Bryden (S'vale)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Dobson (Croy)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kennedy (BH)
Klepac (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Manley (MF)
Maguire (Ring)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ross (FP)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)
Webster (S'vale)
1. Armstrong (S'vale)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Avian (Bull)
Belegrinos (Mar)
Belic (Juve)
Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burgess (North)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)
Constantinou.J(North)
Constantinou.N(North)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Elsey (GG)
Fourna (S'vale)
Griffin (Thom)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Hennessey (Thom)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Kupresak (St.A)
Lipiaraki (Mar)
Marley (Juve)
McDonagh (FP)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Marchett (Fawk)
Maretic (St.A)
Micevski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve)
Nelson (MF)
Nicoski (Alt)
Radecki (FP)
Ragusa (Thom)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Ristovski (Alt)
Runje.G (Croy)
Saart (GG)
Sweeney (FP)
Thodis (North)
Thomas (BH)
Verrachia (Spr)

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22. Kupresak (St.A)	Czapnik (Mar)
Byrne (MF)	Harrison (GG)
	McKinlay (BH)
21. Pender (GG)	Miller (FP)
van Egmond (Croy)	Patiniotis (North)
	Simovic (St.A)
20. Drakeford (Caul)	Trogrlic (Bull)
17. Nerd (Juve)	S. Burgess (North)
	Cassar (MF)
16. Corvan (Ring)	D'Antonio (Mar)
Lane (Juve)	Egan (Juve)
	Higgins (Thom)
15. Harris (North)	May (Ring)
Maguire (Ring)	Nelson (Mar)
	Patterson (Juve)
14. Brian (V'vale)	Sant (GG)
Lujic (Bull)	Schipano (Fawk)
McMullen (Alt)	Terzini (Fawk)
	Todorovski (Alt)
13. Huuble (Croy)	
McIntosh (Croy)	4. Adams (S'vale)
Webster (S'vale)	Babic (St.A)
	Brimmer (Croy)
12. Cooper (BH)	Campbell (Fawk)
Dick (FP)	Contini (Bull)
Krajacic (Pyll)	Cosentino (Fawk)
Minichiello (Juve)	Culina (St.A)
	Davidson (BH)
11. Athersych (Thom)	Dobson (Croy)
	Incantalupo (Bull)
10. Byrne (Alt)	Janakievski (Thom)
Watson (FP)	Kebakovski (Alt)
	McLelland (GG)
9. Bonk (Mar)	Morovic (St.A)
Bryden (S'vale)	Pappas (Caul)
O'Dell (Fawk)	Ramos (North)
Woodall (North)	Reynolds (MF)
	Runje,G (Croy)
8. Brown (Croy)	Sabatino (Fawk)
Gagula (St.A)	Turudia (North)
Haupt (Ring)	Wall (Ring)
Ilioski (Alt)	Wilson (GG)
Morovic (St.A)	
Nelson (MF)	J. Bingham (MF)
Sokoluk (Caul)	Bissinger (S'vale)
	Cocker (North)
7. Belic (Juve)	Colina (St.A)
Bitsonis (Caul)	Constantinou,J (North)
Carfora (Thom)	Cutler (GG)
Davies (FP)	Daley (GG)
Fattore (Caul)	De Propertis (Thom)
Kourempes (North)	Dougherty (Thom)
McArthur (BH)	
O'Donnell (MF)	Egan (BH)
Ristovski (Alt)	Filipou (Caul)
Roodhouse (Croy)	Hennessy (Thom)
Theoharous (Caul)	Innes (Mar)
Tortevski (Alt)	Keenan,S (FP)
	Lipiarski (Mar)
6. Basara (MF)	Mihos (Thom)
Blackley (Ring)	Palmaricciotti (North)
Boric (St.A)	Patricca (Fawk)

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CROYDON HUMBLES THOMASTOWN

by BRIAN JAMES

Falcons Swoop on Saints

THERE was no shortage of action in the 19th State League round last weekend.

The eight games produced sixteen goals, four players were sent off, Croydon's Andy Humble scored a hat-trick and all the top three clubs won well.

The shock of the round was undoubtedly the heavy defeat suffered by third-placed St Albans which went down 4-0 to rampant Morwell Falcons.

It's no disgrace to be beaten at Morwell, of course, but the surprise lay in the margin, especially as Falcons' coach Bob McLachlan felt before the game that with Billy Wright suspended and Ron Manley out injured, he'd be happy to win by any score.

But the team did him proud, with four different players all chipping in for a goal apiece.

And while Falcons were demolishing the Saints, Croydon also was doing a professional job on Thomastown, with Andy Humble grabbing three of his side's four goals and moving up into contention for the Adidas Award.

Fawkner was playing well at the Paisley Reserve against Altona Gate until Willie Raynes tangled with centre back George Gagic.

Andy O'Dell wandered over to see what all the fuss was about, and eventually referee Rudi Simonis sent off both Raynes and O'Dell and gave Gagic a yellow card.

Fawkner hung on with nine men until the last ten minutes, when Gate scored twice to win.

The other team to lose two players, Green Gully, fared better than Fawkner, however.

Tommy Daley had put Gully ahead after 35 minutes and despite losing both Robert Farquharson and Mark Wilson in the second half, the Greens hung on to defeat a pathetic Caulfield 1-0.

It's difficult to understand what has happened to Caulfield recently. It faded disappointingly out of the top four at the end of last season and it is giving every indication this year of finishing even lower than fifth.

It has now slumped to sixth, and the team only one point behind it, Northcote City, has two games in hand.

I mentioned last week that depth is essential if a club is to win the League and St Albans' performance last Sunday bore that out.

It begins to look as though the title race can be narrowed down to only three genuine contenders, Croydon, Falcons and Juventus, with Northcote coming in as an outsider.

Falcons and Juventus have the depth the others lack, whilst Croydon with the advantage of having coach Ian Dobson in the thick of the fray as it were, is very well organised.

With eleven rounds left to play, the tussle between the top three promises to be an absorbing one.

● Sean Byrne (Morwell Falcons) new joint leader in the Ansett Award.

● John McKinlay

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SPRINGVALE PULLING THROUGH?

Down at the sharp end, Springvale City, with its third victory of the season has pulled itself into fourth bottom, justifying the committee's faith in coach Gus Macleod.

By the time the team had gone thirteen games without a win, the committee must have been sorely tempted, but they kept their heads and their nerve, and they deserve to survive.

'Vale's win puts pressure on its victim of Sunday, Ringwood City.

Ringwood's plight is worse than it first appears, because its fellow strugglers Box Hill and Fawkner, both have a game in hand.

Box Hill did well on Sunday to hold Juventus to one goal and last week I quite forgot to give Box

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Dove'n	1	V	M'bark 3
B'mead	0	V	Oakl'h 2
Mord	0	V	S'ham 0
N'wad	3	V	E'don 0
Knox	2	V	W'gte 1
Albion	1	V	D'nong 0
W'bee	1	V	W.Subs 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	13	8	4	1	21	7	20
Albion	14	6	7	1	16	8	19
S'ham	15	7	4	4	22	14	18
Knox	14	8	1	5	22	19	17
Mord	14	4	7	3	18	15	15
Oakl'h	13	5	4	4	19	13	14
W'bee	14	6	2	6	15	18	14
E'don	15	5	4	6	14	20	14
N'wad	13	5	3	5	22	17	13
Dove'n	15	6	1	8	20	27	13
B'mead	15	4	4	7	14	17	12
W'gte	13	4	4	5	12	15	12
W.Subs	14	3	6	5	11	17	12
D'nong	14	1	1	12	8	27	3

RESERVES

Dove'n	1	V	M'bark 2
B'mead	1	V	Oakl'h 1
Mord	2	V	S'ham 2
N'wad	2	V	E'don 1
Knox		V	W'gte
Albion	2	V	D'nong 0
W'bee	0	V	W.Subs 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	13	9	1	3	25	16	19
Knox	12	7	4	1	32	14	18
M'bark	14	7	3	4	30	19	17
Dove'n	13	6	4	3	19	14	16
N'wad	14	7	1	6	24	23	15
B'mead	13	5	3	5	22	19	13
D'nong	14	5	3	6	14	14	13
W.Subs	13	6	1	6	15	29	13
S'ham	13	4	4	5	31	25	12
Mord	13	4	3	6	24	36	11
Oakl'h	13	2	6	5	25	22	10
E'don	13	5	0	8	16	19	10
W'gte	11	4	0	7	18	33	8
W'bee	13	3	1	9	15	27	7

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

N.Geel	1	V	R'mond 2
Coburg	1	V	Y'ville 2
Don Rv	1	V	R'wood 1
Pt Mel	1	V	Keilor 0
B'ton	3	V	Wav.C 1
C'ton H	2	V	Geel 3
S'bury	3	V	H'berg 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor	15	10	2	3	26	14	22
N.Geel	15	8	3	4	32	19	19
Pt Mel	14	8	3	3	29	21	19
Geel	15	8	3	4	24	22	19
B'ton	14	7	4	3	23	16	18
R'wood	15	6	5	4	26	24	17
R'mond	14	8	0	6	28	25	16
Wav.C	15	6	2	7	26	23	14
Coburg	14	5	4	5	21	20	14
C'ton H	14	5	2	7	19	20	12
Don Rv	15	3	6	6	12	18	12
S'bury	14	3	3	8	14	26	9
H'berg	14	3	1	10	20	33	7
Y'ville	14	1	2	11	8	27	4

RESERVES

N.Geel	3	V	R'mond 3
Coburg		V	Y'ville
Don Rv	4	V	R'wood 3
Pt Mel	0	V	Keilor 1
B'ton	3	V	Wav.C 0
C'ton H	0	V	Geel 1
S'bury	3	V	H'berg 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	12	11	1	0	34	8	23
C'ton H	13	9	2	2	37	15	20
Keilor	12	9	1	2	27	16	19
N.Geel	14	8	1	5	33	23	17
Pt Mel	13	7	1	5	32	19	15
R'wood	14	7	0	7	38	34	14
Don Rv	13	6	1	6	33	24	13
R'mond	13	5	2	6	23	38	12
Geel	12	4	2	6	27	25	10
Wav.C	13	5	0	8	22	25	10
H'berg	13	3	3	7	18	26	9
S'bury	15	3	2	10	24	34	8
Coburg	13	2	2	9	14	42	6
Y'ville	12	3	0	9	14	47	6

LEAGUE 3
FIRSTS

S'ford	0	V	C/Geel 0
H'thon	1	V	M'ton 2
C'inda	1	V	Elt/D.V 1
M'bin	3	V	Holl Pk 0
Bell Pk	1	V	S'vale 0
Y'ourn	1	V	C'sea 2
Lalor	3	V	Altona 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	15	12	2	1	35	9	26
C'sea	15	9	4	2	32	16	22
C/geel	15	8	5	2	23	9	21
Elt/d.V	15	6	5	4	22	17	17
M'ton	15	6	5	4	18	15	17
S'ford	15	6	4	5	29	18	16
Holl Pk	15	8	0	7	30	21	16
M'bin	15	6	3	6	19	19	15
C'inda	15	4	5	6	20	27	13
Lalor	14	5	3	6	15	29	13
Y'ourn	15	3	5	7	15	26	11
H'thon	14	2	4	8	18	26	8
S'vale	15	1	5	9	12	30	7
Altona	15	2	2	11	18	44	6

RESERVES

S'ford	5	V	C/Geel 0
H'thorn	0	V	M'ton 2
C'inda	0	V	Elt/D.V 0
M'bin		V	Holl Pk
Bell Pk	0	V	S'vale 1
Y'ourn	2	V	C'sea 3
Lalor	3	V	Altona 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'ford	15	10	1	4	41	17	21
Elt/d.V	12	10	1	1	35	15	21
M'bin	13	9	2	2	48	15	20
Bell Pk	14	8	2	4	22	17	18
C'sea	13	8	0	5	33	27	16
Altona	15	7	2	6	29	24	16
S'vale	13	6	2	5	26	23	14
C'inda	14	6	2	6	30	36	14
Lalor	14	4	4	6	23	25	12
Holl Pk	13	5	2	6	25	30	12
C/geel	14	4	1	9	24	30	9
H'thorn	13	3	3	7	17	27	9
M'ton	15	3	1	11	15	36	7
Y'ourn	14	1	1	12	11	57	3

DIVISION 4
FIRSTS

FTGully	2	V	Cl'ton 2
R'anna	1	V	K'ingal 3
P'vale	1	V	W'town 1
L'warr	2	V	Keysbro 2
Bent	1	V	Regent 0
Brun/Iv	2	V	Boronia 0
Hamlyn	3	V	More.Pk 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent	15	11	3	1	38	14	25
Cl'ton	15	11	2	2	42	22	24
Hamlyn	14	9	2	3	37	22	20
Brun/Iv	15	7	5	3	22	11	19
Regent	15	7	3	5	19	13	17
L'warr	15	6	4	5	21	16	16
K'ingal	15	7	1	7	26	21	15
More.Pk	15	6	2	7	27	27	14
P'vale	15	4	5	6	12	24	13
R'anna	14	4	4	6	19	31	12
W'town	15	2	5	8	14	29	9
Boronia	15	2	5	8	12	30	9
Ftgully	15	2	4	9	12	26	8
Keysbro	15	1	5	9	12	27	7

RESERVES

FTGully	0	V	Cl'ton 1
R'anna	0	V	K'ingal 2
P'vale	2	V	W'town 2
L'warr	2	V	Keysbro 1
Bent	3	V	Regent 1
Brun/Iv	0	V	Boronia 1
Hamlyn	0	V	More.Pk 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	14	10	1	3	23	15	21
Brun/Iv	15	8	4	3	32	16	20
L'warr	15	7	5	3	28	19	19
Bent	14	5	6	3	34	29	16
Regent	13	5	5	3	22	20	15
Keysbro	15	5	3	7	24	31	13
W'town	15	6	1	8	22	29	13
K'ingal	13	5	2	6	19	16	12
More.Pk	13	4	4	5	22	22	12
Hamlyn	12	5	1	6	21	20	11
Ftgully	14	4	3	7	21	22	11
R'anna	14	4	3	7	20	27	11
Boronia	14	4	3	7	17	24	11
P'vale	13	4	1	8	16	31	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Prahran	2	V	Berwick 1
Melton	0	V	W Vale 1
S Yarra	1	V	B'wick 1
W Mead		V	N.Sun
S'vale	3	V	E Geel 1
Oak.Sub	0	V	Malvern 0
Mossf'	3	V	Wav'ly 0
S'vale	14	12	2	0	33	10	26
Prahran	15	8	6	1	36	25	22
W Vale	14	8	3	3	26	15	19
Berwick	14	9	0	5	26	17	18
W Mead	13	8	1	4	26	20	17
N.Sun	13	7	1	5	33	23	15
Oak.Sub	13	6	3	4	26	23	15
B'wick	13	4	4	5	18	21	12
Melton	15	3	5	7	24	29	11
Mossf'	15	4	3	8	19	24	11
Malvern	13	4	3	6	15	24	11
Wav'ly	14	3	1	10	16	31	7
E Geel	13	2	2	9	15	30	6
S Yarra	15	1	2	12	12	33	4

RESERVES

Prahran	7	V	Berwick 1
Melton	3	V	W Vale 0
S Yarra	0	V	B'wick 2
W Mead		V	N.Sun
S'vale	3	V	E Geel 1
Oak.Sub	0	V	Malvern 1
Mossf'	2	V	Wav'ly 2
Prahran	15	11	2	2	47	13	24
N.Sun	12	9	1	2	34	13	19
Malvern	13	8	2	3	35	26	18
W Mead	12	8	2	2	26	20	18
Melton	15	6	5	4	24	16	17
S'vale	12	7	2	3	21	15	16
W Vale	12	4	4	4	16	16	12
Mossf'	15	4	4	7	29	30	12
S Yarra	14	3	5	6	23	31	11
Berwick	13	3	5	5	14	25	11
B'wick	12	3	4	5	17	23	10
E Geel	13	1	4	8	17	31	6
Wav'ly	14	2	2	10	16	41	6
Oak.Sub	12	1	2	9	9	28	4

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

F'kston	1	V	Uni Melb 1
Ascot	2	V	Port Un 0
Ball't	0	V	Br'tons 3
Altona Eas	4	V	Glenroy 2
Monash	1	V	F.Hill 4
S Dandy	3	V	Cranb'n 3
Lalor	1	V	S S'vale 3

Altona	15	11	2	2	26	18	24
F.Hill	15	9	5	1	37	14	23
S S'val	15	9	5	1	31	11	23
S Dandy	14	8	2	4	37	22	18
Ascot	14	6	6	2	23	11	18
Cranb'n	15	6	6	3	28	17	18
Uni Mel	15	5	6	4	18	21	16
Br'tons	14	5	5	4	23	17	15
Port Un	15	4	3	8	21	34	11
Glenroy	15	4	2	9	19	31	10
Ball't	15	3	4	8	17	31	10
F'kston	15	1	6	8	13	29	8
Lalor	14	1	5	8	16	32	7
Monash	15	1	3	11	10	31	5

RESERVES

F'kston	0	V	Uni Melb 2
Ascot	4	V	Port Un 1
Ball't	1	V	Br'tons 0
Altona Eas	3	V	Glenroy 2
Monash	0	V	F.Hill 2
S Dandy	2	V	Cranb'n 0
Lalor	1	V	S S'vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	15	11	2	2	38	14	24
Altona	14	8	5	1	31	18	21
S Dandy	13	8	2	3	31	16	18
Ascot	14	7	3	4	26	18	17
Ball't	15	6	4	5	25	15	16
F'kston	15	7	2	6	25	23	16
F.Hill	14	6	3	5	25	26	15
Lalor	14	5	3	6	30	27	13
Cranb'n	14	3	6	5	16	24	12
S S'val	14	4	3	7	17	24	11
Glenroy	14	5	1	8	23	33	11
Br'tons	14	3	2	9	16	30	8
Monash	14	2	3	9	13	29	7
Port Un	12	2	3	7	15	34	7

DIVISION 3
FIRSTS

Mitchaa	3	V	W'tirna 3
Brandon	1	V	Altona 0
Batman		V	Lyndale
Med.Pk.		V	Carrum
Monbulk	1	V	R'dale 1
Kew	1	V	Ringw'd 1
Nth Clayto	1	V	Fitzroy 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy	15	9	4	2	29	18	22
Lyndale	14	10	1	3	35	17	21
Brandon	14	9	3	2	25	12	21
Kew	15	7	5	3	21	16	19
Med.Pk.	14	7	4	3	23	18	18
W'tirna	15	6	4	5	38	24	16
Mitchaa	15	7	2	6	30	34	16
Altona	15	5	4	6	13	17	14
Monbulk	15	3	5	7	13	14	11
Batman	14	2	7	5	23	26	11
Ringw'd	14	1	8	5	17	25	10
Carrum	13	2	5	6	18	22	9
R'dale	13	2	3	8	18	37	7
Nth Cla	14	1	3	10	15	38	5

RESERVES

Mitchaa	3	V	W'tirna 2
Brandon	0	V	Altona 0
Batman	2	V	Lyndale 1
Med.Pk.		V	Carrum
Monbulk	1	V	R'dale 0
Kew	7	V	Ringw'd 0
N.Clayton		V	Fitzroy

Monbulk	15	10	2	3	36	19	22
Lyndale	15	10	1	4	52	28	21
Kew	15	8	4	3	39	19	20
W'tirna	13	9	1	3	37	20	19
Brandon	13	7	4	2	29	13	18
Batman	13	8	2	3	38	23	18
R'dale	14	7	3	4	27	21	17
Med.Pk.	13	6	1	6	35	32	13
Altona	15	5	2	8	29	43	12
Mitchaa	14	4	3	7	23	28	11
Carrum	13	4	2	7	33	42	10
Ringw'd	14	2	0	12	16	41	4
N.Clayt	12	2	0	10	12	41	4
Fitzroy	13	1	1	11	21	57	3

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

H'thorn	1	V	Phillip 0
Coll'wd	1	V	Wav.Wand 3
Bye		V	North U
L'robe	1	V	Diggers 5
Keilor	1	V	Balwyn 1
Oak U	2	V	E Rich 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	13	11	1	1	37	15	23
H'thorn	13	9	3	1	40	18	21
Wav.Wan	13	7	3	3	35	22	17
Balwyn	12	6	3	3	40	26	15
Oak U	14	4	7	3	30	33	15
Phillip	12	4	5	3	20	22	13
Diggers	12	3	3	6	24	26	9
Coll'wd	13	3	3	7	17	27	9
North U	12	3	3	6	13	26	9
L'robe	13	0	5	8	22	38	5
Keilor	13	1	2	10	12	37	4
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

H'thon	0	V	Phillip 1
Coll'wd	3	V	Wav.Wand 1
Bye		V	North U
L'robe U	2	V	Diggers 1
Keilor	9	V	Balwyn 1
Oak U	0	V	E Rich 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Balwyn	12	9	1	2	37	22	19
Coll'wd	11	9	0	2	42	17	18
E Rich	13	7	3	3	50	37	17
Wav.Wan	12	7	2	3	28	16	16
Phillip	11	5	5	1	23	15	15
North U	12	3	4	5	14	26	10
L'robe	13	5	0	8	25	38	10
Diggers	12	3	3	6	31	35	9
Oak U	12	3	2	7	26	31	8
H'thon	13	0	6	7	18	36	6
Keilor	13	2	2	9	25	46	6
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

C'well G	3	V	D.Valley 1
R.M.I.T.		V	Upfield
Furlan	3	V	E.Hills 2
Yarra U	2	V	I'city 1
Maccabi	1	V	Mel.Uni 4
C'corde	0	V	O Scots 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	15	11	1	3	57	28	23
C'well	14	11	0	3	64	26	22
O Scots	14	10	2	2	56	20	22
Mel.Uni	14	10	1	3	47	13	21
Upfield	14	8	3	3	52	24	19
Furlan	14	5	4	5	31	31	14
D.Valle	14	3	6	5	25	24	12
E.Hills	14	4	3	7	34	36	11
Maccabi	13	4	3	6	32	39	11
R.M.I.T	14	3	4	7	33	47	10
I'city	15	2	1	12	14	42	5
C'corde	15	0	0	15	10	125	0

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Junior News

THE VSF has not supplied any Junior Results and Tables this week.

Results and Tables for matches played weekending July 9 will be published on this page next week.

World Under 16 Cup A Big Plus for Scots.

Although Scotland lost the final of the World Under 16 Cup to Saudi Arabia, the event nevertheless had its bright side for Scots.

Keir Radnedge, visiting in the July issue of the prestigious magazine World Soccer was full of praise for the Cup, the standard of the games and not least, the behaviour of the crowds.

The Final, played at Hampton Park Glasgow was watched by a crowd of 51,000, more incidentally, than watched Scotland's senior team play Chile in the Rous Cup on the same ground the previous month.

Radnedge travelled to the final on the train from Glasgow Central and was full of praise for the behaviour of his fellow travellers.

He wrote: "The crowd packed into that train comprised an encouragingly predominent number of young people; both boys and girls, young men and young women.

"They were excited and demonstrative; they were not loudly foul-mouthed or drunkenly intimidating.

And even though Scotland dropped a 2-0 lead and lost the game the vast majority stayed on the Hampden terracing to applaud the Saudis lap of honour.

Returning to town I was caught up in the train station queues. Shepherding the queues were the police.

But . . . there was none of that belligerent antagonism evident south of the border on the part of the fans towards the police and of the police towards the fans.

In Glasgow the fans wanted to get home and police wanted to get them home in an orderly manner, and achieved it.

Ten out of ten for Scottish football and attitudes."

It is very heartening, and a pleasant change to be able to print some good news about British soccer after such a horrendous year.

Maybe the much-criticised Under 16 will do a lot of good for the game after all.

RESERVES

C'well S	1	V	D.Valley	0
R.M.I.T.		V	Upfield	
Furlan	4	V	E.Hills	3
Yarra U		V	F'city	
Maccabi	0	V	Mel.Uni	3
C'corde		V	O.Scots	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	15	11	3	1	35	13	25
E.Hills	14	9	3	2	34	22	21
Furlan	15	9	2	4	56	23	20
O.Scots	13	7	4	2	33	17	18
Mel.Uni	14	6	3	5	35	19	15
Upfield	12	7	1	4	27	21	15
F'city	13	6	2	5	30	11	14
Yarra U	10	5	2	3	30	21	12
D.Valle	13	3	2	8	21	30	8
Maccabi	13	2	0	11	18	49	4
R.M.I.T.	12	1	0	11	12	46	2
C'corde	10	0	0	10	4	63	0

FIRST DIVISION

DOVETON 1 (Johnson 35th)
MOOROOLBARK 3 (Nyholt 20th, French 65th, 75th)

MOOROOLBARK stayed on top of the First Division table with a hard-fought win in adverse conditions at Doveton.

Both teams found it hard to settle down, with a strong gale blowing down the ground making ball control difficult.

However, the Barkers went ahead in the 20th minute when John Nyholt forced the ball home in a goalmouth scramble following a Steve Reid corner.

Doveton fought back strongly after that, with Johnson going very close.

Poor defensive work in the 35th minute left Johnson in the clear and this time the striker made no mistake and levelled the scores.

Mooroolbark settled the better of the two sides after the break and Greg House began to pose problems for the Doveton defence.

In the 65th minute he capped some good work with a perfect cross which Graham French headed home brilliantly to put the Barkers in front.

Ten minutes later French silenced his critics when he sent Doveton goalie Billy Whiteside the wrong way to score his second and Mooroolbark's third goal to clinch a well-deserved win.

Mooroolbark's best were Ian Flawyn, Greg House and Paul Priestly.

Mooroolbark is away to Westgate next Saturday.

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BULLEEN 1989

- *Back Row: left to right: Robert Krajacic, Dean Milosevic, Alan Contini, Claude Avian, Tony Curulli, Goran Trogrlic, Tony Marsan, Leo Roccioletti.*
- *Front row: Lee o'Keefe, Fabio Angele, Chris Manou, Dominic Ruccia, Zdravko Lujic, Dal Ben.*

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

BULLEEN 1
FRANKSTON PINES 1

IN windy conditions which favored the tennis court end which Bulleen was facing, play remained mainly in the Pines area until finally O'Keefe burst through the defence to score in the 14th minute.

Pines immediately went into attack and a cross came in from Miller to have Stirton clear in the box with an open goal but his shot went high over the bar.

Ally Dick had a further chance when a move down the left saw Dick latch onto a pass and blast a shot which forced a good save from Riccioletti.

After the break, Pines had the wind behind them but chances were few. Coach Sweeney replaced Ferris with striker Gillard and was rewarded immediately with the equaliser in the 78th minute when a corner from Keenan was headed in by Stirton.

Pines had a further chance to seal the game after excellent teamwork by Keenan and Gillard who was able to cross to Stirton with just the keeper to treat but he fired straight at the goallie.

A further substitution of Pace for injured Ross saw Pines finishing strongly but not being able to seal the game.

— D.J.

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MORWELL FALCONS 4
ST ALBANS 0

WHO would have thought that after losing both strikers (Billy Wright sent off the previous week and Ron Manley injured) and playing against a team that was exactly level on the ladder, Morwell would inflict such a massive victory over St Albans, beating the Croation club 4-0.

To be perfectly honest the first 35 minutes was a boring affair with the ball really going nowhere near either goal. It was poked around in the middle of the ground and apart from a few early corners for the home side there was nothing much of interest.

However, the final three mines of the first half saw the action. At the 42nd minute, Harry Bingham sent the ball long into the attacking zone and continueto follow it through some fancy play inside the box saw Sean Byrne almost turn in the air to head the ball backwards into the path of Bingham who took the challenge and nodded it over keeper Vunderl into the top corner of the net.

The ball had hardly been kicked off to restart when Joe O'Donnell collected a cross from Jim McBride and quickly went up the right wing and crossed into the goal mouth where the ball glanced off Eddie Kuzman and entered the net for an own goal just before half time.

Six minutes into the second half, McBride sent a perfect cross in front of goal where Jimmy Nelson latched onto it and made no bones about things, putting it away for the Falcons' third.

St Albans seemed to lift and started to attack. Kupresak had a shot that beat Falcons' defence and bounced off the bottom of the left upright. Dennis Morovic latched onto the rebound and had a quick shot that would have gone in but for the reflex action of Dave Reynolds, who managed to get his fist to the ball and send it over the crossbar while still on the ground.

At the 65th minute Darko Basara looked like he had something to prove. He collected a good pass from McBride and went on a solo run up the ground, rounded the defence and dummied to send Mario Vunderl to the left, then slotted the ball into the right corner of the net for Falcons fourth.

A clash with Harry Bingham saw Vunderl hobbling around for a while to be eventually replacesd keeper. In the dying minutes St Albans defence fell apart and allowed Falcons to penetrate several times. Sean Byrne found himself in front of goal with no one to pass to and had a quick shot that was mistimed and went wide, and a cross from Effie Cassar saw Nelson fling himself forward in a diving header that should have gone in but was inches over the bar.

— E.H.

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RINGWOOD CITY 0
SPRINGVALE CITY 1

A DREADFUL mistake by otherwise reliable Ringwood City's goalie Colin Blackley gave Springvale an easy and lucky victory and heralded Ringwood's fourth consecutive defeat.

Newly-arrived Dutch player Marcel de Ridder settled well in the Ringwood side but with jetlag still in his legs was unable to lift his team's performance.

Ringwood had much of the play but again was unable to create any chances to score.

John Corvan has returned to central defence and, with Haupt, Verniers and Nolan, kept the door closed for Springvale until the unfortunate incident 21 minutes in the second half when Colin Blackley came out to clear the ball just out of the penalty box, completely missed and left it to Stan Webster to tap the ball over the goal-line.

Whatever Ringwood tried to equalize was smothered by the Springvale defence and its own inability even to create an opportunity to score.

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CROYDON 4
THOMASTOWN 0

CROYDON convincingly defeated a flagging Thomastown at Croydon Park with a powerhouse final 30 minutes of relentless attacking football.

Up to half-time and early in the second half play was even, with both teams playing with good interpassing but not very effective as regards scoring.

Thomastown had the ball in the net on one occasion but Ragusas' final shot was ruled offside and, at the other end, Janakievski in the Thomastown goal blocked a drive from Humble with his feet and made a fine save from Croydon's Brimmer and Roodhouse.

The final 30 minutes told the story. Dave McIntosh seemed to be everywhere as a creative midfielder instead of his usual centreback role and with Langsbury overlapping on the right enabled Croydon to bombard the Thomastown goal.

Darren Scott disposed the goalkeeper and just shot wide, and seconds later it was Runje's turn to repeat the effort but this time was successful in beating the Thomastown keeper.

It was then the turn of Andy Humble to show his remarkable alertness and ability to spot loose balls. Two towering headed goals and a lightning quick strike produced a hat trick, and Thomastown's efforts ended in the winter gloom.

This Sunday Croydon takes on Green Gully at Croydon Park and the closeness at the top of the table provides a fascinating scenario for supporters of the game in the Eastern Suburbs.

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DIVISION THREE

CLARINDA 1 (Sawinidis (Petv. 31m)
ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY 1 (Jankulovski 26m)

A STRONG diagonal wind ruined this game as a spectacle, but it was no excuse for some of the incidents which occurred in a bad tempered, spiteful, 90 minutes.

The homeside held the ascendency for the first 10 minutes. Sahinidis created no end of problems for the Valley defence with support from attacking full back Tsitiridis. Valley weathered the pressure and fought back strongly. After a series of attacks Jankulovski scored after a move from defence initiated by Culham who sent Cirka away on the left.

Cirka's long cross was met by Jankulovski at the far post and he poked the ball into the net through a mass of bodies. The equaliser came five minutes later when Sahinidis scored from the penalty spot.

The decision to award the penalty was, to say the least, curious.

The game then degenerated into a running battle with more incidents happening off the ball than on.

Early in the second half Hamilton kept Valley's hopes of victory alive with three courageous saves in quick succession.

Valley's front runners Johanssen and Cirka suffered from lack of supply and began to lie deeper, as a result the home goal was rarely under threat.

Five minutes from tiem Giacomi was felled behind play and swallowed his tongue. Thanks to the prompt action of a Clarinda player and Valley trainer Tom Beattie, his tongue was freed and a tragedy avoided.

The incident sparked a brawk which involved every man and his dog. At the finish Tsitiridis could consider himself unlucky to be the one to carry the can and be sent off.

The reserves went on their merry way with a 3-0 win, highlighted by a brilliant display by standin keeper Tom Beattie.

— G.K.

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GEELONG SOCCER

By ROY HAY

Four wins, two losses and a draw as the record for Geelong's soccer teams last weekend, with at least a couple of last-gasp victories included.

North Geelong surrisingly crashed at home to Richmond in Division Two after taking the lead in 20 minutes through Danny Ward. His striking partners, John Hrkac and Joe Osrecak, failed to convert a series of close-in chances and North paid dearly in the second half as Richmond came back.

Ilko Domeski put Dino Josefski through for the equaliser after 55 minutes and then released striker Paul Campbell for the winning goal with 75 minutes gone.

The Richmond boys were delighted with a gutsy team effort, but North was left lamenting the missed opportunities of the first half.

Geelong trailed Clifton Hill 2-0 but defender Joe Malesic showed his forwards the way by pulling a goal back. Clifton Hill conceded an own goal, and Darren Tuck grabbed the winner with five minutes left to make it 3-2.

In Division Three, Bell Park left it even later against a dour Springvale United team which seemed to have a point secured with only a couple of minutes to play. Sixteen-year-old substitute, Cedo Rakic, combined with George Watters and the latter forced himself and the ball over the line for the only goal of the game.

Corio-Geelong United took a point from Seaford in a scoreless draw at Railway Parade. The second such result in succession means that Corio-Geelong United drops five points behind the league leader, Bell Park.

Hamlyn Rangers got back on the winners list with 3-0 victory over Moreland Park Rangers at Myers Reserve in Division Four. Ray Friday opened the scoring and Stephen McAuliffe brought his season's tally to eight with a cross shot which beat the keeper. David Walmsley made the result absolutely safe with a third goal.

East Geelong was below strength for its match against Provisional League leaders Springvale Condors and went down 3-1.

Tony Bozinovski was another 16 year old to hit the headlines with his fourth goal of the season for East, after Stiven Stojanovski had struck the cross-bar.

Brintons came back from Ballarat with a 3-0 win in Provisional League Divsiion Two. Paul Mills bundled the ball over the line for the first and Ashley McIntyre signalled his return to scoring form with a shot from a very acute angle. Ian Henderson scored the third from very close in.

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POLONIA 0
NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (J. Burgess)

NORTHCOTE City continued its impressive form of late, and left Raleigh Reserve on Sunday with both points against a very determined Polonia side who are now four points adrift of the second bottom club and languishing at the foot of the table.

Kicking with the aid of a gale force wind in the first half, Northcote had several chances to take the lead, but with a desperate defence and (goalkeeper D'Antonio performing well), Polonia went into the break on even terms, restricting Northcote to only half chances.

Martin Woodall came closest with a 30 metre effort that grazed the crossbar with the keeper well beaten, and the referee disallowing two goals within five minutes. The first being disallowed after John Burgess' direct free kick found the top corner of the net apparently for offside and the second three minutes later after striker Peter Cocker was adjudged to have fouled a Polonia defender before heading home.

After the break, and now with the aid of the wind, Polonia came out firing but failed to capitalise up front due to some excellent defending by the Northcote back four. As a result, Northcote goalkeeper Mark Turudia had a very quiet day.

The game seemed headed for a nil-all draw when with 11 minutes remaining, Polonia defender Kevin Innes handled the ball while contesting a header with Cocker, and the referee had no hesi-

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keeper a helpless spectator.

Just minutes later Rowville opened its account very prettily when a delicately weighted pass reached Joe Bogar unmarked on the edge of the Area. Keeping his cool, Bogar took three paces waited till the goalkeeper had committed himself, and hammered the ball wide to the far corner.

The Rumanians put the issue beyond doubt at the 80th minute when George Gottlieb made another of his famed solo runs, dribbling three defenders and the goalkeeper before rolling the ball quietly across the line.

Division One Morning front-runners Highpoint and Footscray United both had sound wins to retain first and second on the ladder.

Altona Ilinden, which might have made up some ground away to Apollo United, was baulked when the Apollo pitch was declared unplayable.

ANZ Bank moved into fourth spot when it had the better of a dour struggle with Montrose for a 1-0 win, but the happiest team in this division would have been Middle Park, which returned to some semblance of last year's form in a well-deserved 1-0 victory over Northcote United.

Division Two provided pretty much the recipe as before with Flemington Floridia and Bayside ATA both winning, to maintain a bulldog grip on first and second positions.

With only a point separating these two teams, it begins to look as though the championship will not be decided until Round 18, when these two meet again. But both will have to keep a watchful eye on the rapidly-improving North Dandenong Sparrows and Berwick United, which are both shaping as definite threats to the leaders.

Division Three East saw very little change. Dallas United maintained its four-point break over Laminex, with Taxation United and Bowater making up the Top Four. With neither the Taxation United-Keeley Kings or Westall PIPA-Essendon Tramways matches producing a result there was litl eguide to form from the other potential contenders in this Division.

In Three West, St Albans Dynamo continued its domination with a 2-0 win over Altona Heights.

Altona North Tarxien kept its grip on second place in downing Sunbury 2-1, while Ardeer reminded everyone of its presence with a very solid 3-2 win over a much improved Keilor Old Boys. In fact, Ardeer — which is now only two points off the lead — looms as the most serious challenger for St Albans Dynamo's Championship prospects.

We mentioned earlier how Tottenham and Cretan Athletic were the dominant pair in Division 2M. There are two other clubs well worth watching as their form could have a definite impact on the fate of the championship.

The all-Africa combination, Harambee, is a very skilful side and is strategically placed in fourth spot, two points off the lead. Like Tottenham, it has two games in hand, one of which is against Tottenham.

A Harambee victory in that game would cast a completely different light on the championship. If it and Tottenham then each won their remaining postponed fixture, these two teams would be locked together on 18 points, with only goal difference to decide the leader. Whatever the outcome, interest in this division looks likely to be maintained for several weeks yet.

Currently sitting in fourth place, Middle East is another danger team. This club is somewhat of a United Nations of middle eastern backgrounds, drawing its players from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Israel, among others.

Its 4-0 win over Leros United in this round was a very meritorious one, with Ahmed Elzayat notching a hat trick, and Hamed Ibrahim scoring from the spot. While not itself a likely championship contender, Middle East could prove a stumbling block to one or more of its higher placed opponents.

The Reserves competition in all divisions has also reached an interesting stage. In Division 1M Highpoint and Footscray United share the lead, with Highpoint having the edge on goal difference. Two points further back, ANZ Bank is well poised to take advantage of any slips by the leaders.

Bottom team Fibremakers came away from its encounter with top team Highpoint absolutely delighted to have fought the leaders to a 0-0 draw. In the process Fibremakers picked up its second point for the season.

In Division One Afternoon, Windsor has a three-point break on Flamingo and Melbourne Rumania, with Glenroy Doxa a point further back.

The Melbourne Rumania Reserves have been playing very well lately, and could yet prove a definite threat to the leaders.

Tottenham and Cretan Athletic dominate Division 2M Reserves, and are both handily placed three points clear of Oakleigh City.

Tottenham has the better of the goal difference and also has a game in hand over Cretan Athletic, so could prove very hard to catch.

The big two, Elwood United and Keysborough Blue Danube, still dominate Division 2A Reserves. Elwood United looks likely to post its 100th goal next week.

Keysborough Blue Danube, although not such a prolific scorer as its rival, has a much tighter defence, so that the postponed clash between these two is still an eagerly awaited event.

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Sydney Croatia beats Preston

SYDNEY Croatia managed to leave itself in contention for fifth position for this week's final round when it came home 2-1 against Preston at the Croatian Sports Centre.

But as St George turned out 4-0 victory over Sunshine and with a deferred game to come against fellow top-five placed Preston on Wednesday night, Croatia's hopes were relatively subdued.

Alan Hunter scored from an early penalty for Croatia, followed by a Graham Arnold goal.

Preston's goal came from George Jolevski but George Petrov hit the post when his turn for a penalty arrived in the 76th minute.

Preston was more skilful, but Croatia turned around and made a late second half comeback.

Preston defender Bill Piculovski handled in his own penalty area in the 18th minute and defender Hunter had no trouble despatching the resultant penalty kick.

Highly-impressive Preston left-back Jolevski scored an unusual 30-metre equaliser right on halftime. He took a quick shot from directly in front and the ball simply slid off the surface and went through Croatian goalkeeper John Krajnovic's legs.

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MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *GEORGE JOLEVSKI*

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Preston's John Markovski went down in a disputed elbowing incident well inside his own penalty area in the 76th minute.

A seemingly well-taken penalty shot by Petrov hit the post, duplicating the miss that Markovski had made the previous week.

The pace of the game picked up markedly towards the end, with Arnold just missing and midfield Graham Jennings having a cracking volley brilliantly saved by opposing goalkeeper Phil Traianedes.

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MARCONI 'THE CHAMP'

equalised in the 54th minute when Francis Awaritefe raced through the middle but Catlin again smothered the shot.

Nastevski made it 2-0 after exchanging passes with Robert Wheatley in the 74th minute and, two minutes later, Vince Colagiuri put the match out of Croatia's reach by following up with a goal after Croatia goalkeeper Mate Grgic had blocked a shot by Nastevski.

The last goal came in the 85th minute, from a long shot by Fred de Jong who had accepted a short pass from Nastevski.

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ST GEORGE SLAYS CROSS

St George made it 2-0 in the 61st minute when Ollerenshaw streaked away from Sunshine George Cross' defence in a 35 metre diagonal run in from the right, before turning in-field a cross to the far post for Krslovic to score from only five metres out.

Sunshine George Cross threatened in the 73rd minute when striker Paul Lewis streaked away from the cover defence but his final shot from 12 metres out sailed high over the crossbar.

Former World Cup centre-back David Ratcliffe made it 3-0 for St George when he scored from the edge of the box after latching onto a long through ball from centre-back Mike O'Shea.

The Saints' final goal came two minutes before full time when rugged midfielder Craig Moffatt wormed his way through two defenders to squeeze the ball between the left post and goalkeeper Sean Keogh.

After the match, St George coach Frank Arok said: "In the first half we were just as bad as them.

"We decided to use the ball much more in the second session."

St George centre-back O'Shea, was booked in the second half by referee Alan Townsend, and missed Wednesday night's deferred match against Preston at the St George Stadium.

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JUST STRUGGLES FOR A DRAW

minutes after the interval through Robert Ironside. Jason Polak's cross from deep on the left was pushed square by Abbas Saad and Ironside scooted in and simply stroked the ball under JUST goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic.

But relegation-threatened JUST lifted and levelled against the run of play 14 minutes later when Palatsides netted a dramatic equaliser.

Under pressure Palatsides clipped a raking cross from Drago Deankovic over his own shoulder and turned in time to see his spectacular effort squeeze inside the far post.

Olympic always looked the side most likely to take the points against the undermanned JUST, particularly late in the proceedings when the home side lost bulky defender Tom Karic with a shoulder injury.

But the home side, buoyed by its good fortune in keeping in touch, fought feverishly to keep the Sydney team in check.

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BRIAN JAMES

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Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay a well deserved pat on the back.

I saw him carried off in the 14th round when Springvale won at Wembley Park, and thought to myself "he's out for the rest of the season", but they don't make them any tougher than John McKinlay and only three weeks later he was back again after a knee operation.

Fellows like John are the backbone of the game, they carry on loyally at clubs like Box Hill for a fraction of the money that some impostors get, and never whinge.

The pick of the weekend's games looks to be the Northcote City v Morwell Falcons clash at John Cain on Saturday.

The two teams are chock-full of good players and a feast of good soccer should ensue.

The pick of Sunday's games could be the encounter between Croydon City and Green Gully at Town Park, and don't be too surprised if Springvale City takes a point off Altona Gate.

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ANSETT AWARD HOTTING UP

The Ansett Award race is hotting up now, you'll notice, with the good players setting a cracking pace.

Sean Byrne of Morwell Falcons has now joined Velimir Kupresak of St Albans on 22 points and they are being hotly pursued by Adrian Pender of Green Gully and Nick van Egmond of Croydon City.

And Brunswick Juventus' midfield "twins" Sean Lane and Willie Herd are coming into the picture too.

Any one of the top dozen players in the voting would be a worthy winner.

The weekend's games, probable winners in capitals:

Saturday: **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** v Thomastown, first game at 1 pm of a double-header at Veneto Club, **BULLEEN** v Box Hill, second game of double-header at 3 pm, **ST ALBANS** v Ringwood City at Churchill Reserve, Caulfield City v Maribyrnong (draw) at Princes Park, Northcote City v Morwell Falcons (draw) at John Cain Reserve.

Sunday: **CROYDON CITY** v Green Gully at Town Park, Springvale City v Altona Gate (draw) at Ross Reserve, **FRANKSTON PINES** v Fawkner at Monterey Reserve.

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IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE

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from home.

Heidelberg United, Anchored in bottom place and with a huge adverse goal difference must win on Sunday to have any hope of survival, but faces a hard task away to second-placed Sydney Olympic which will be fighting for the double chance.

Sunshine George Cross also faces an uphill battle after its 4-0 loss to St George last Sunday.

It hosts a Sydney Croatia that has an outside chance of making the finals if Preston or Melbourne Croatia stumbles at the last hurdle.

Melbourne JUST has given itself a glimmer of hope with a fighting draw against Olympic on Sunday, after its midweek defeat of George Cross.

Melbourne's other hope for honours, Croatia, faces traditional rival JUST on Sunday in a game that will have added edge, with JUST facing possible relegation.

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MALVERN CITY V HEIDELBERG .....
CLIFTON HILL V ALTONA GATE.....
CLAYTON V PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....

State League
Saturday

JUVENTUS V THOMASTOWN.....
BULLEEN V BOX HILL .....
ST ALBANS V RINGWOOD CITY .....
CAULFIELD CITY V MARIBYRNONG.....
NORTHCOTE CITY V MORWELL FALCONS....

Sunday

CROYDON CITY V GREEN GULLY.....
SPRINGVALE CITY V ALTONA GATE .....
FRANKSTON PINES V FAWKNER .....

Victorian League
Divsion 1 — Saturday

KNOX CITY V ALBION.....
DANDENONG V NUNAWADING CITY .....
ESSENDON CITY V MORDIALLOC .....
SANDRINGHAM CITY V BROADMEADOWS C .....
OAKLEIGH V WERRIBEE.....
WESTGATE V MOOROOLBARK.....

Sunday

WESTERN SUBURBS V DOVETON.....

Victorian League
Division 2 — Saturday

BRIGHTON V CLIFTON HILL.....
GEELONG V PORT MELB .....
KEILOR V DONCASTER ROVERS.....
RINGWOOD UNITED V COBURG.....
YARRAVILLE V SUNB. UN.....
HEIDELBERG C V NORTH GEELONG.....
WAVERLEY CITY V RICHMOND.....

Division 3 — Saturday

BELL PARK V YALLOURN.....
CHELSEA V MOORABBIN CITY.....
HOLLAND PARK V CLARINDA.....
ELTHAM/DIA.VALLEY V HAWTHORN .....
MORNINGTON V LALOR UN .....
ALTONA CITY V SEAFORD UN.....
SPRINGV UN V CORIO/GEEL UTD .....

Division 4 — Saturday

BENTLEIGH GR V E.BRUNS/IVANHOE.....
BORONIA V LANGWARRIN .....
KEYSBOROUGH V PASCOE VALE.....
WILLIAMSTOWN V ROSANNA.....
KARINGAL UN V HAMLYN RANGERS .....
MORELAND PARK RANG. V FERNTREE G....
REGENT V CLAYTON .....

PROV. LEAGUE
Div. 1 — Saturday

SPRINGV. CONDORS V OAKLEIGH SUB.....
MALVERN CITY V WEST MEAD .....
NORTH SUNSH V SOUTH YARRA .....
BRUNS. CITY V MELTON .....
WESTVALE V MOSSFIEL RANGERS.....
WAVERLEY UN V PRAHRAN .....
EAST GEELONG V BERWICK CITY.....

Div. 2 — Saturday

MONASH UNIV. V SOUTH DAND.....
CRANBOURNE V ALTONA EAST .....
GLENROY V BALLARAT.....
BRINTONS V ASCOT ST MARKS.....
PORT UNITED V LALOR .....
SOUTH SPRINGV. V FRANKSTON UN.....
FOREST HILL V UNI OF MELB.....

Div. 3 — Saturday

MONBULK V KEW EAGLES.....
RINGWOOD ROVERS V MEADOW PARK....
CARRUM UN V BATMAN UN .....
LYNDALE UN V BRANDON PARK .....
ALTONA UN V NORTH CLAYTON.....
FITZROY CITY V MITCHAM UN.....
RIVERSDALE V WANTIRNA.....

AMATEUR LEAGUE
Div. 1 — Sunday

LATROBE UNIV V OAKLEIGH UTD.....
EAST RICHMOND V KEILOR UN.....
NORTHERN UNITED V COLLINGWOOD C...
WAVERLEY WAND. V HAWTH. UN.....
DIGGERS REST V PHILLIP INST.....

Div. 2 — Sundy

YARRA UN V CONCORDE.....
OLD SCOTCH V MACCABI.....
MELB. UNIV V FURLAN UN .....
ENDEAVOUR HILLS V RMIT.....
UPFIELD V CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR.....
INTERCITY V DIAMOND VALLEY.....

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED
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tation in pointing to the spot. But Martin Woodall's effort was brilliantly saved by goal-keeper D'Antonio much to the delight of the Polonia fans.

With six minutes remaining, Northcote's John Burgess had an effort superbly saved by D'Antonio once again. Burgess had the last laugh however with the game already into injury time. D'Antonio came for a high ball but only managing to spill the ball to an unmarked Burgess who coolly slotted the ball home from seven metres.

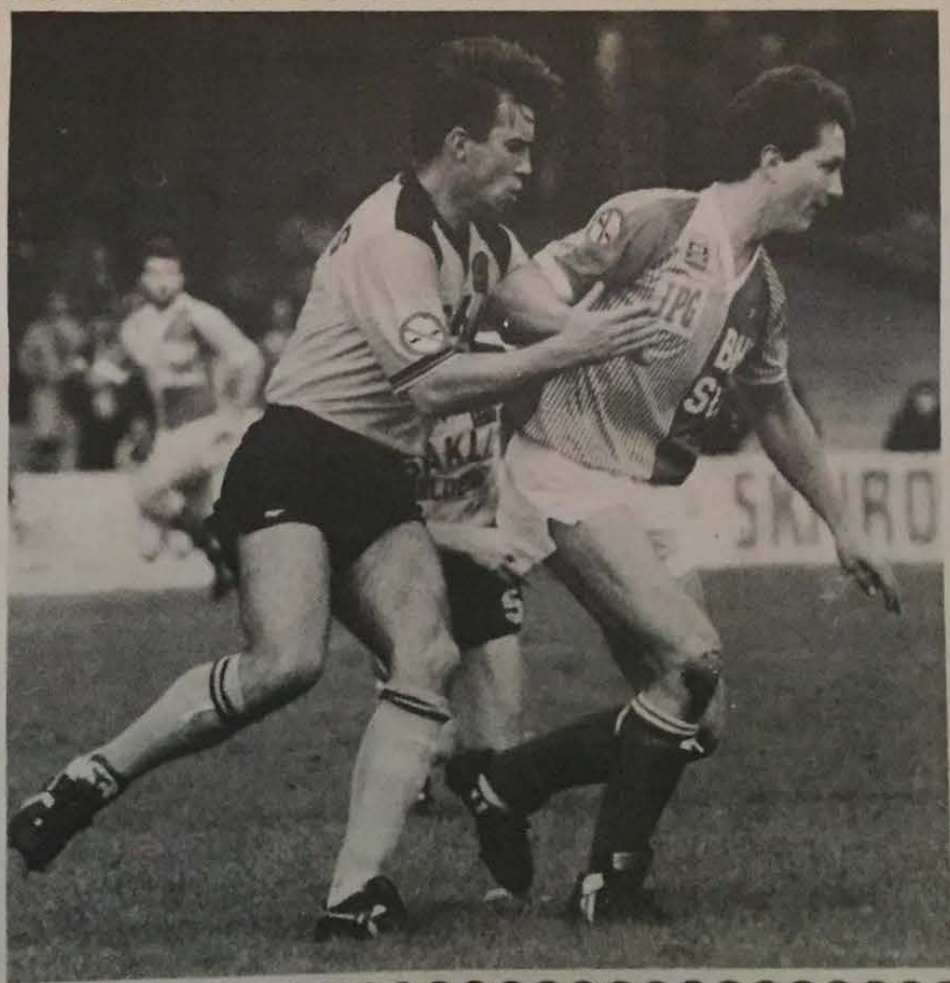
Northcote now meets third placed title contender Morwell Falcons in what must be the match of the day at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Followed by two deferred matches against Bulleen and Box Hill in the next fortnight.

7.30 pm Wednesday 19th July vs. Bulleen; 7.30 pm Wednesday 26th July vs Box Hill.

some favourable results in the next couple of weeks will determine whether Northcote is a serious contender OR pretender.

Best players: John Burgess (N) 3; D'Antonio (P) 2; A. Gymnopolous (N) 1.



● A determined Garry McDowall tackles Wollongong's Pat Brodnik.

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